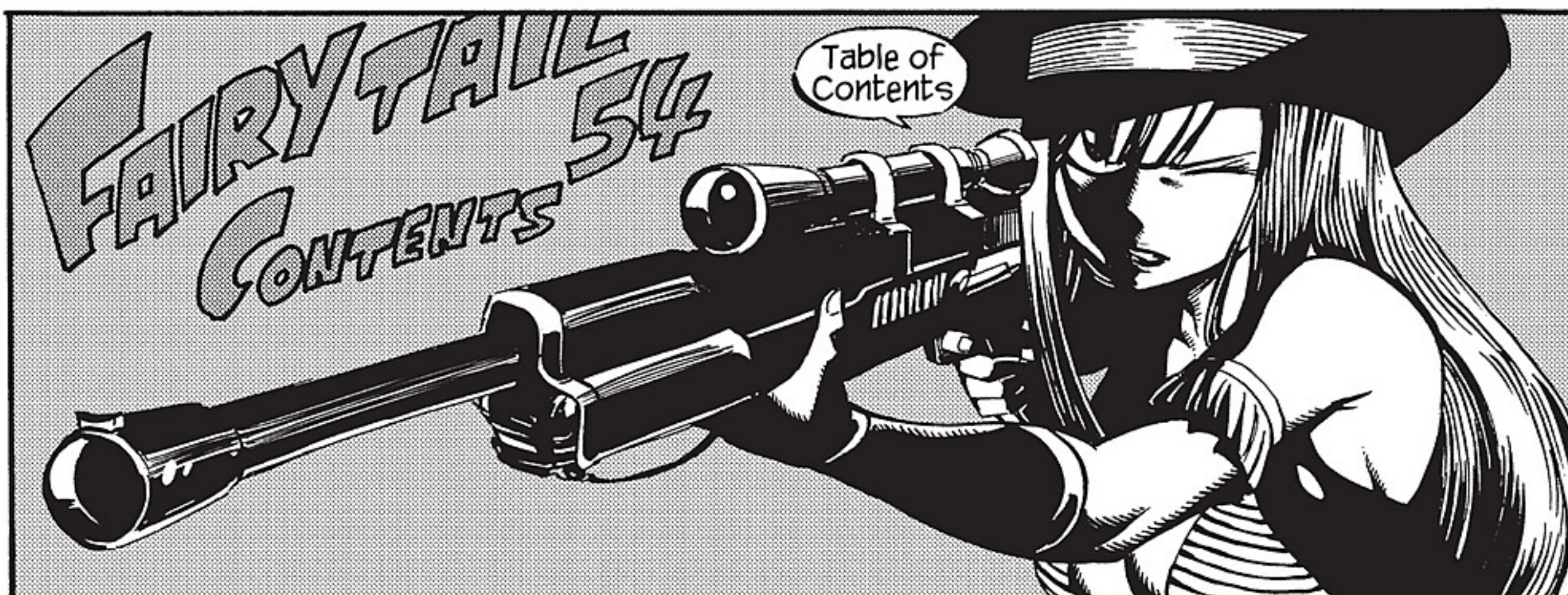


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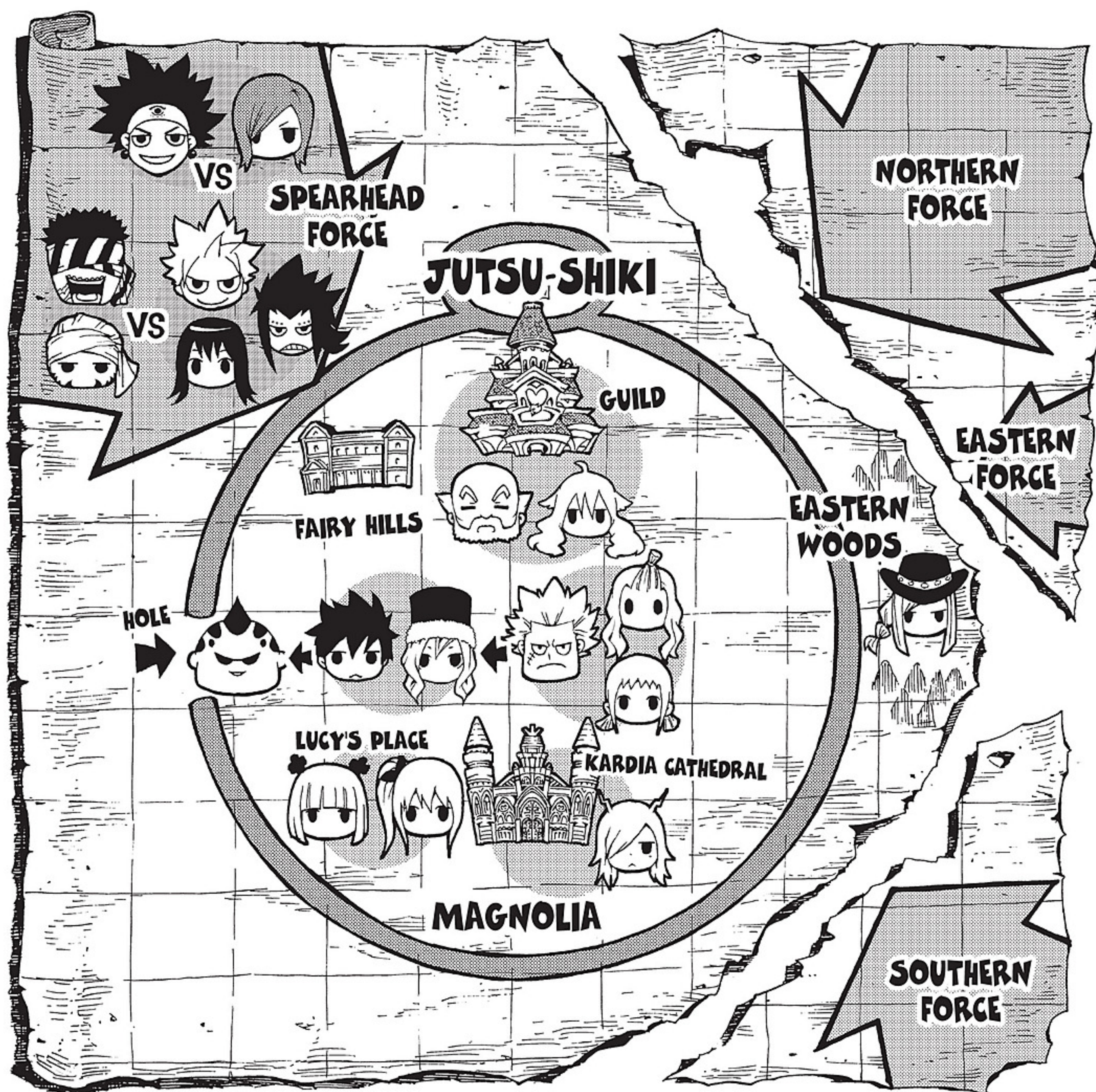


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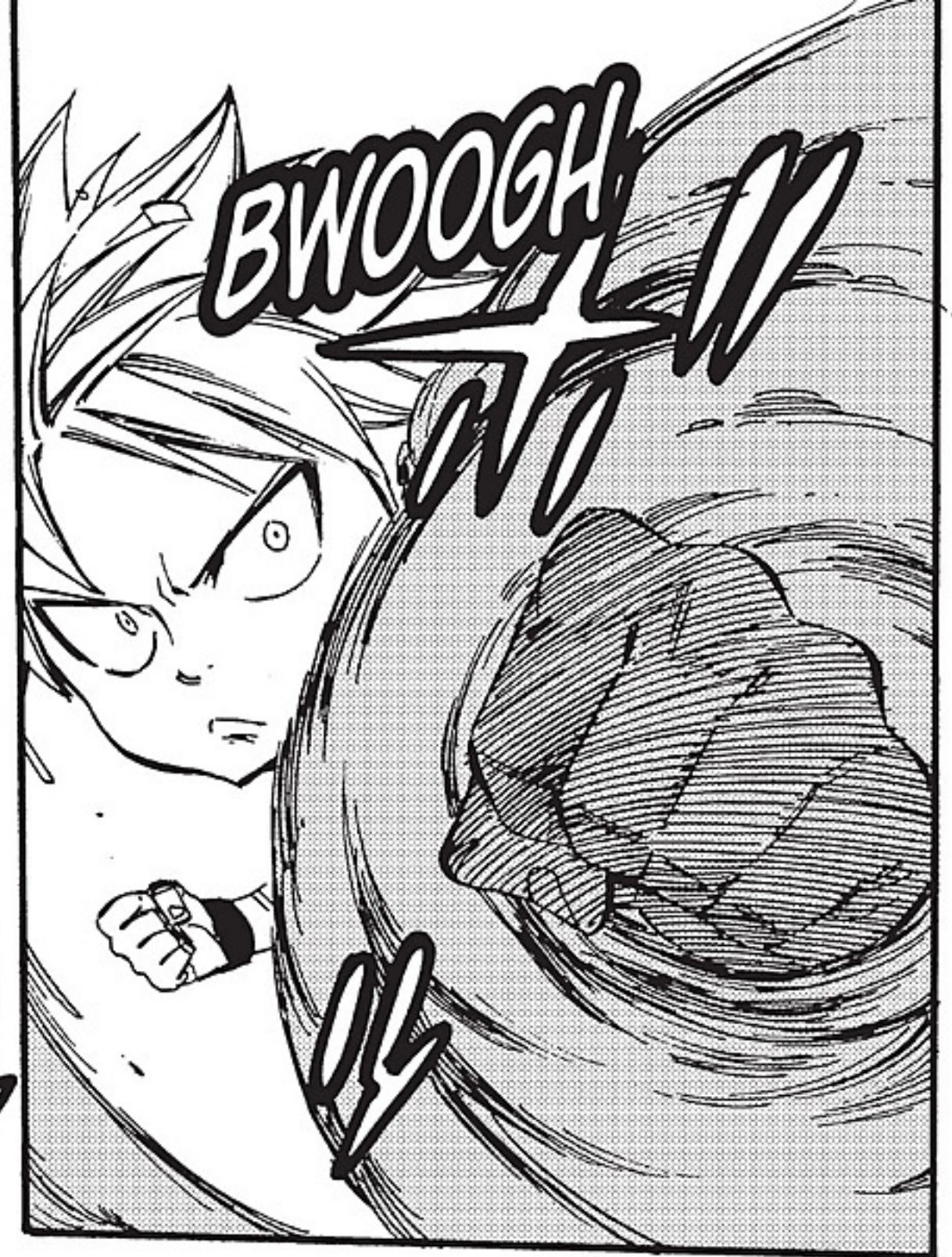
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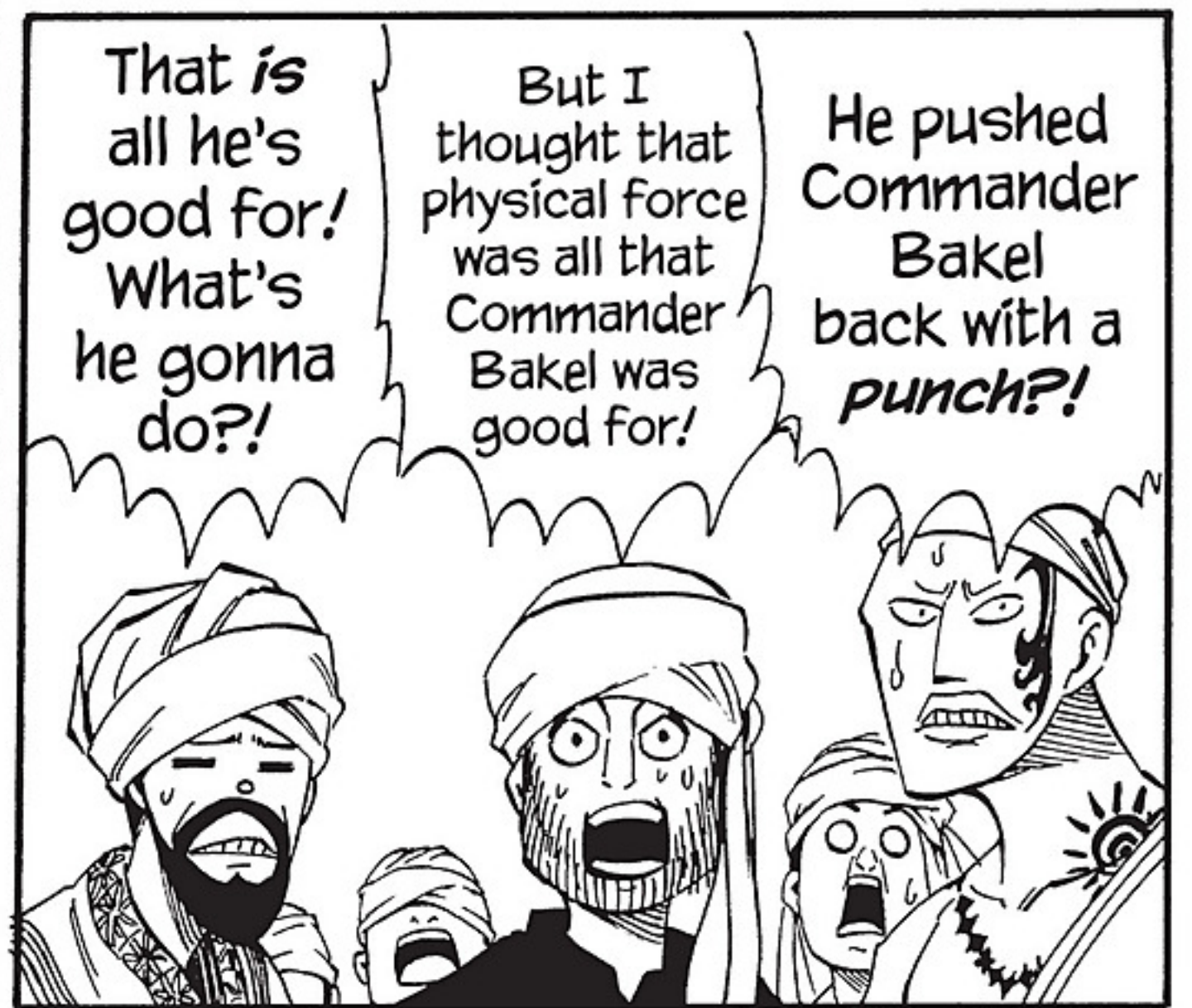


He's all right!
That didn't affect him at all!



I gotta say...

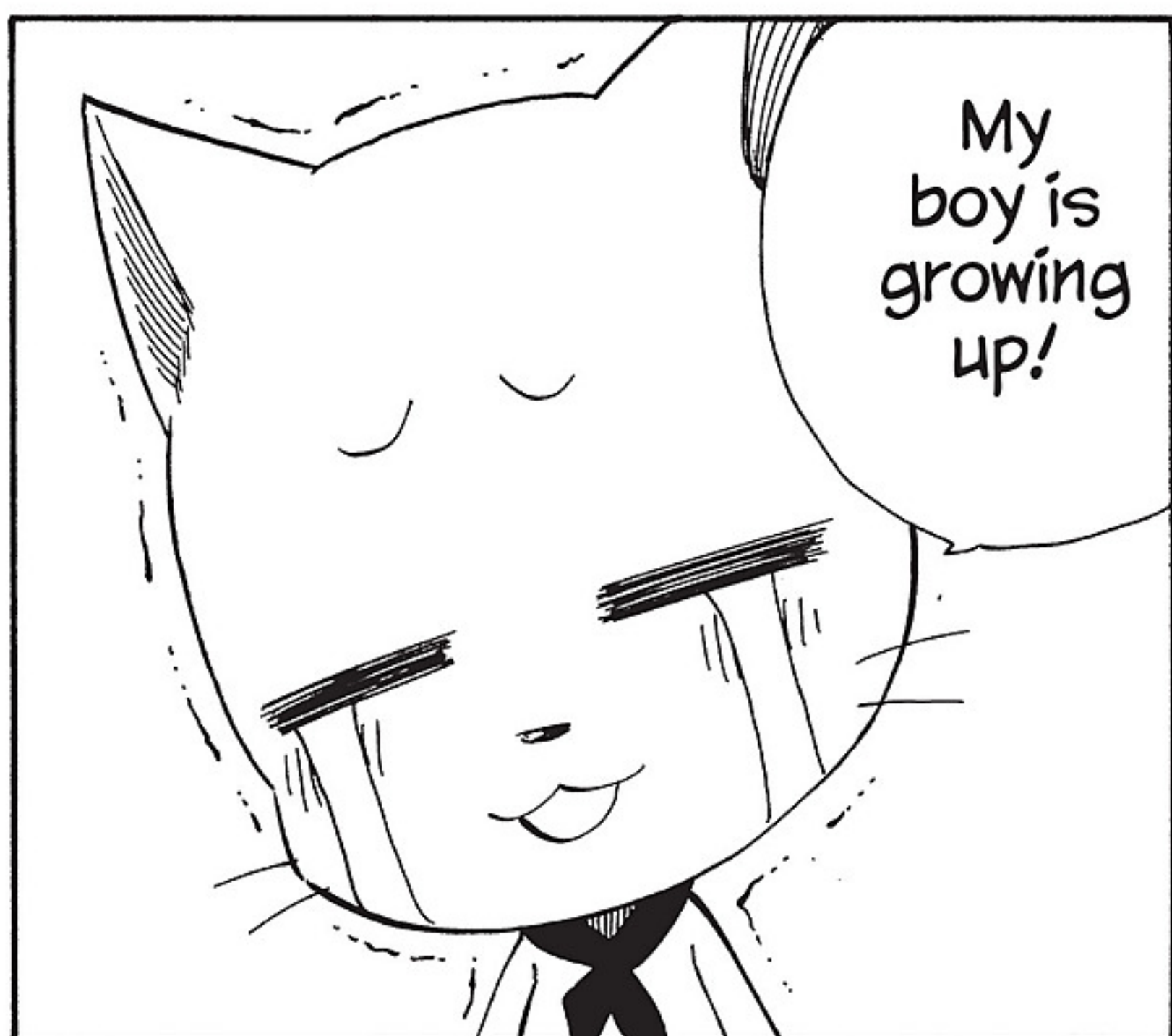
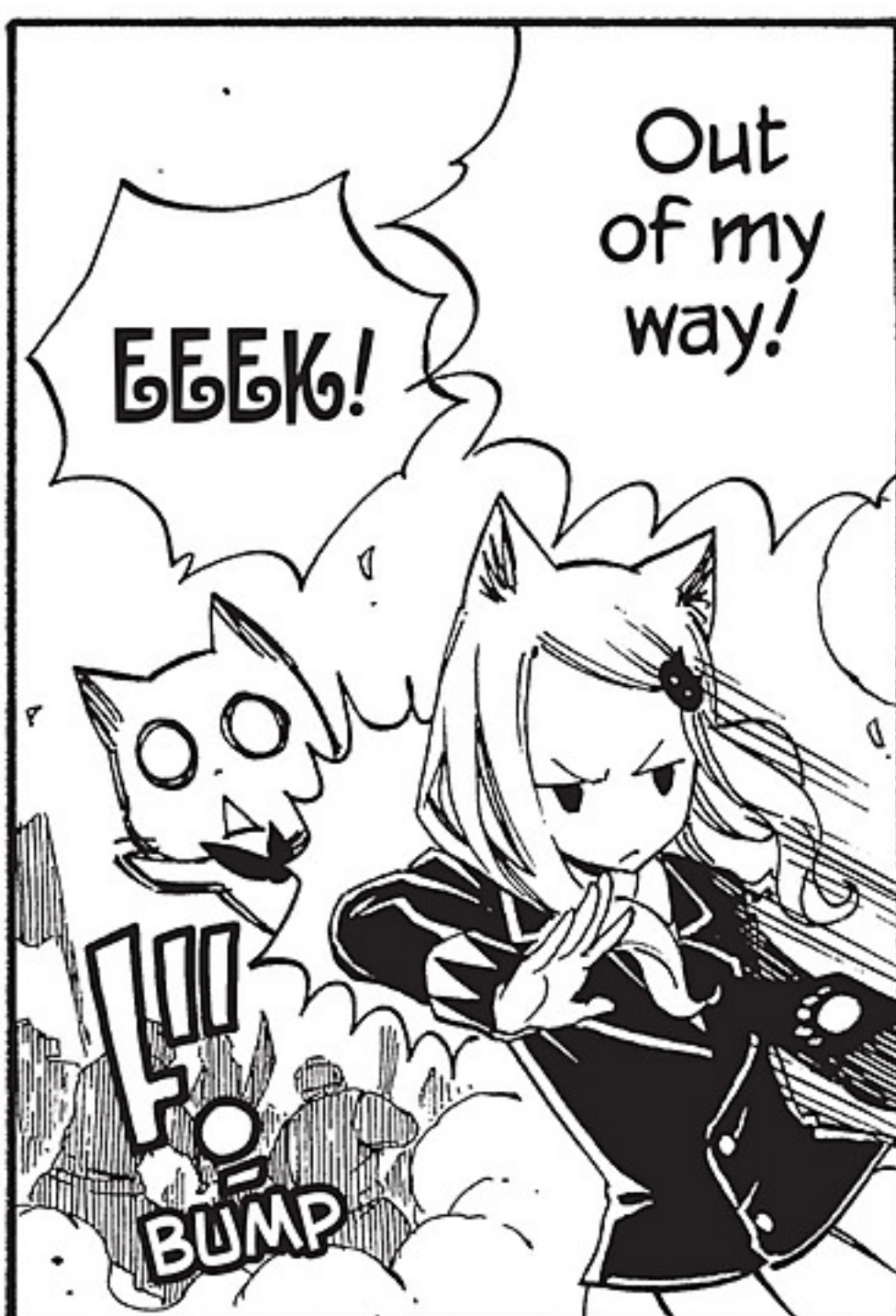
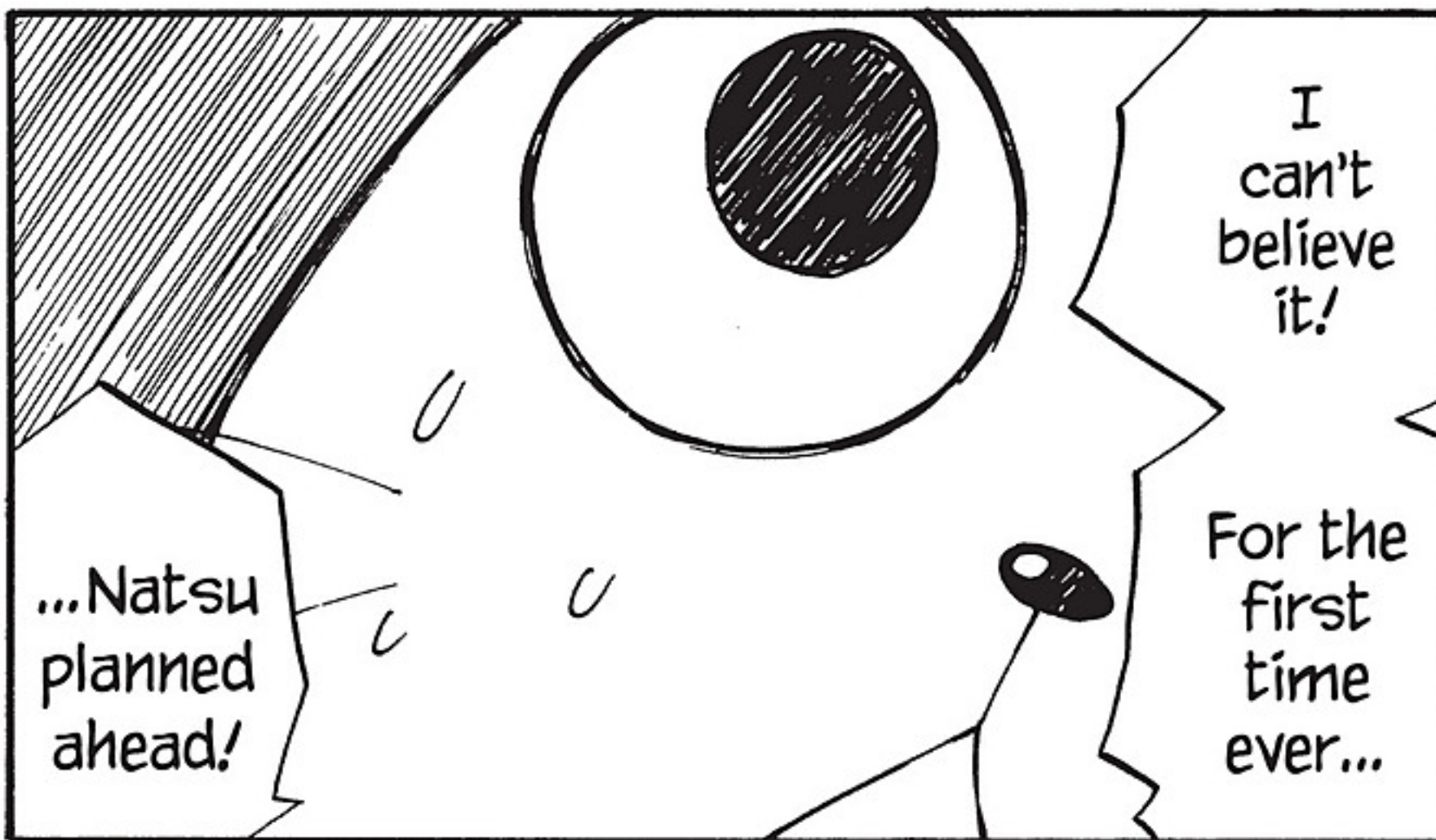
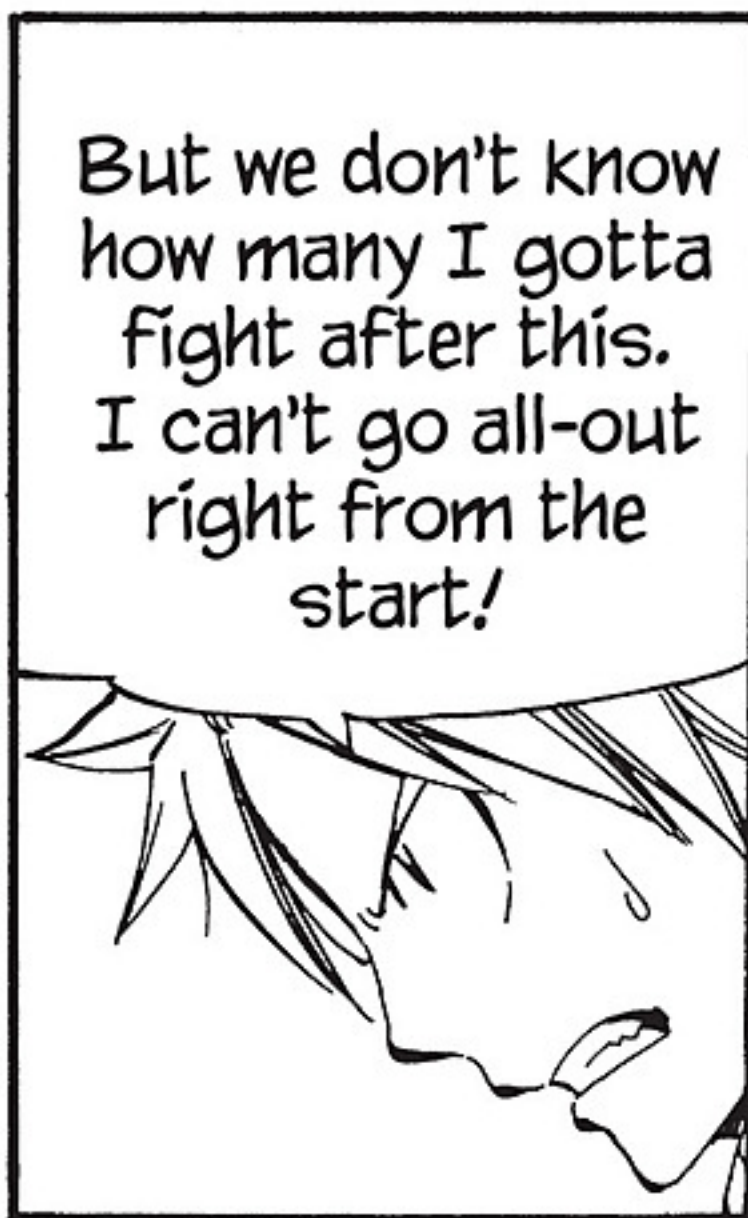
...nice scarf!

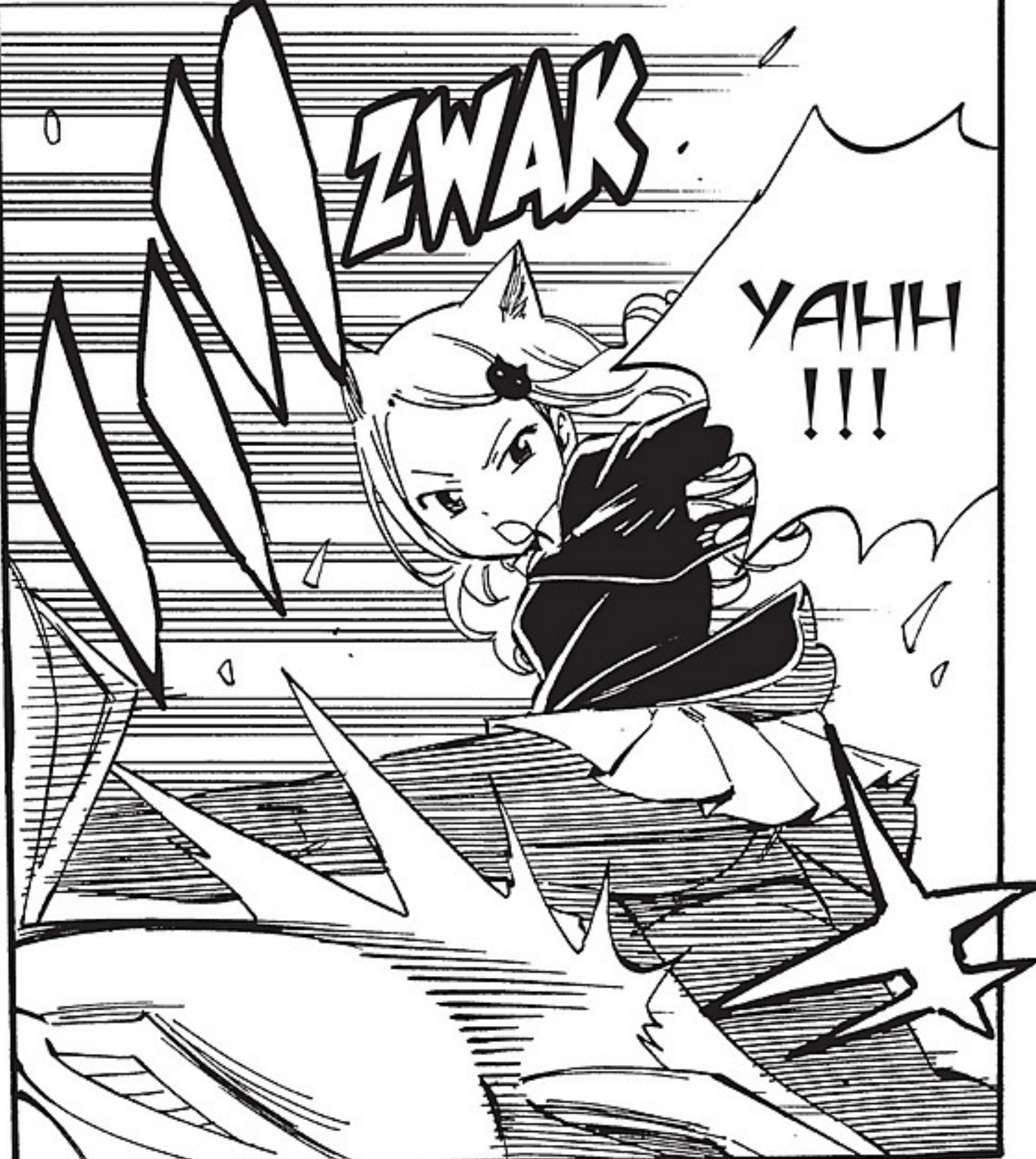


That *is* all he's good for!
What's he gonna do?!

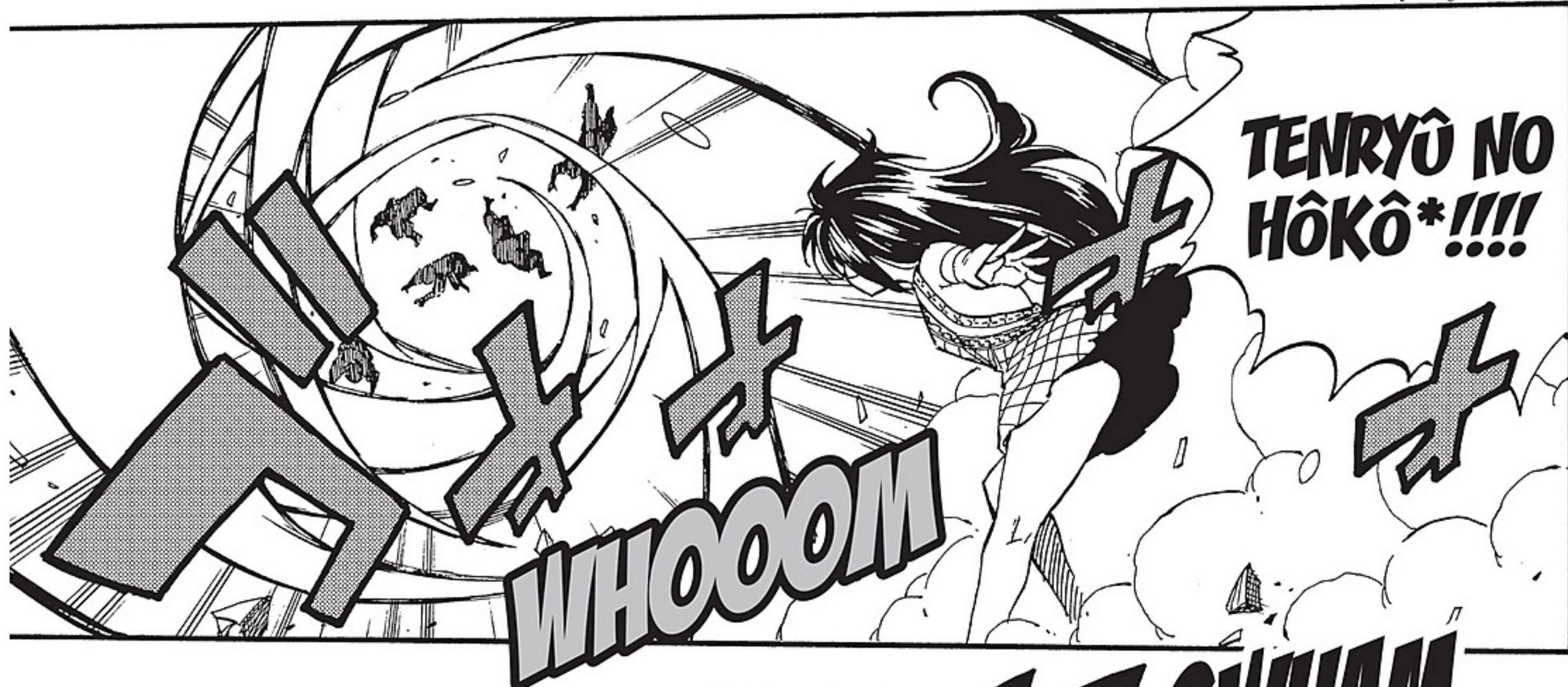
But I thought that physical force was all that Commander Bakel was good for!

He pushed Commander Bakel back with a **punch?!**





*Sky Dragon's Roar!!!!



**Iron Dragon Lance!!!!





The streets of western Magnolia ...



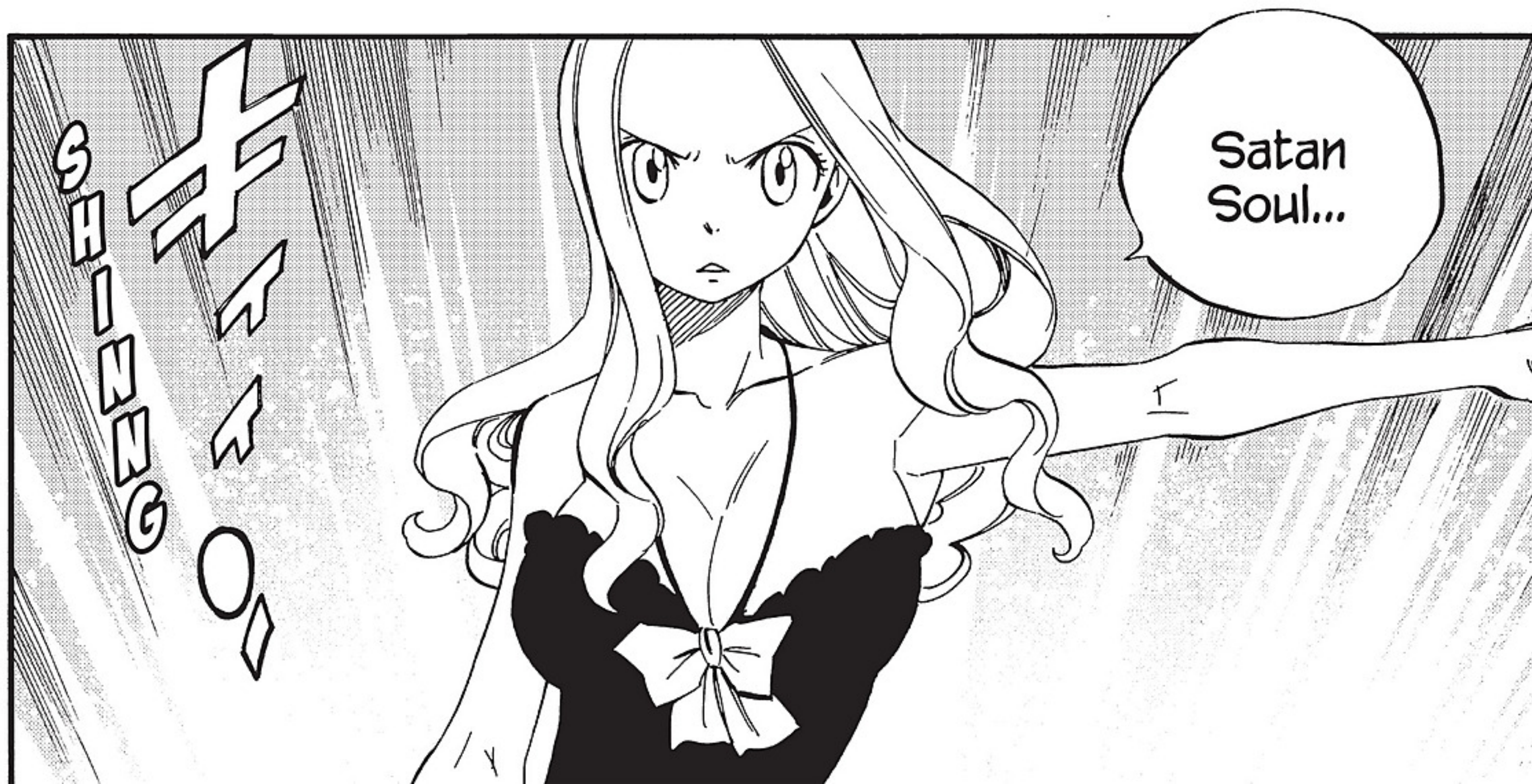
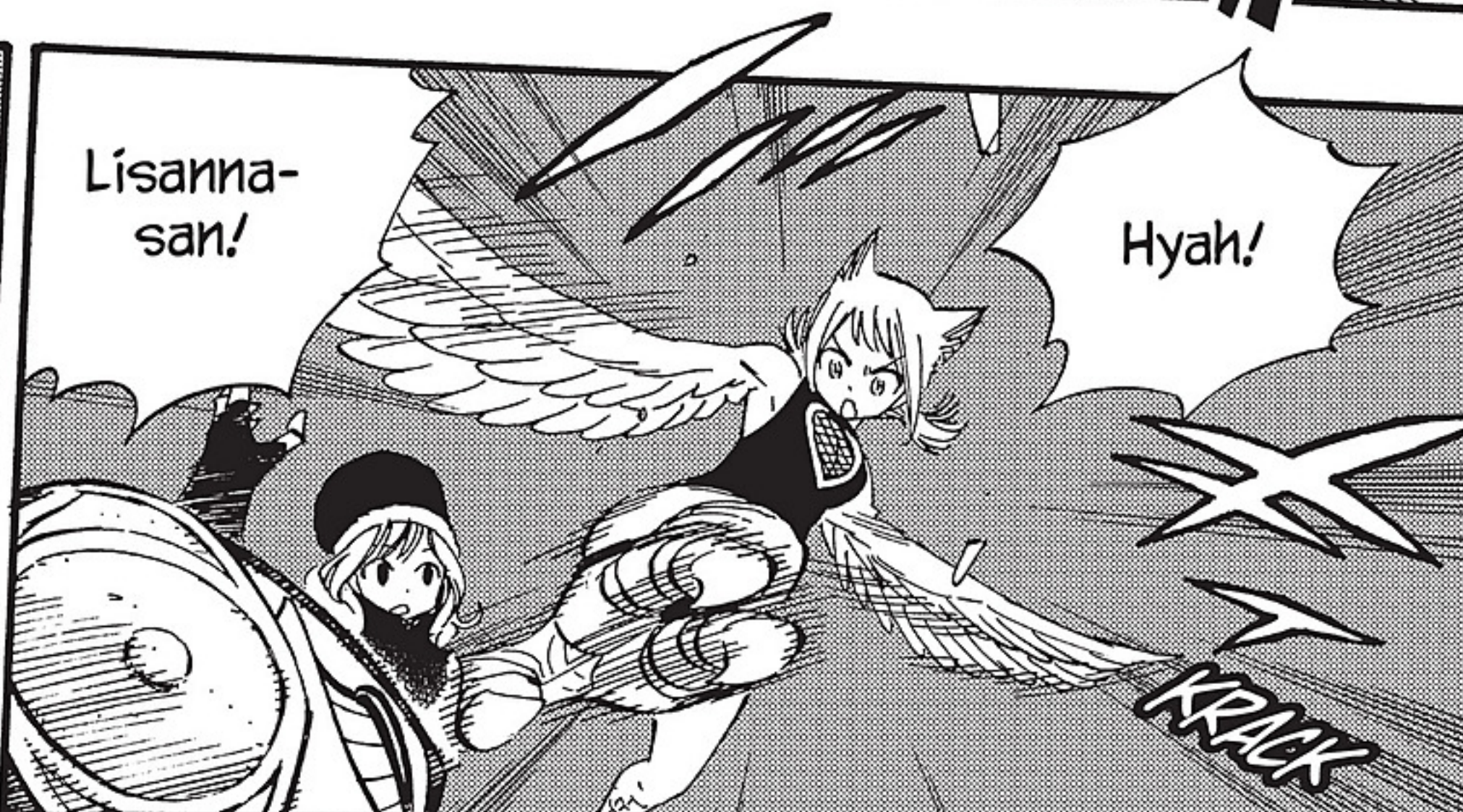
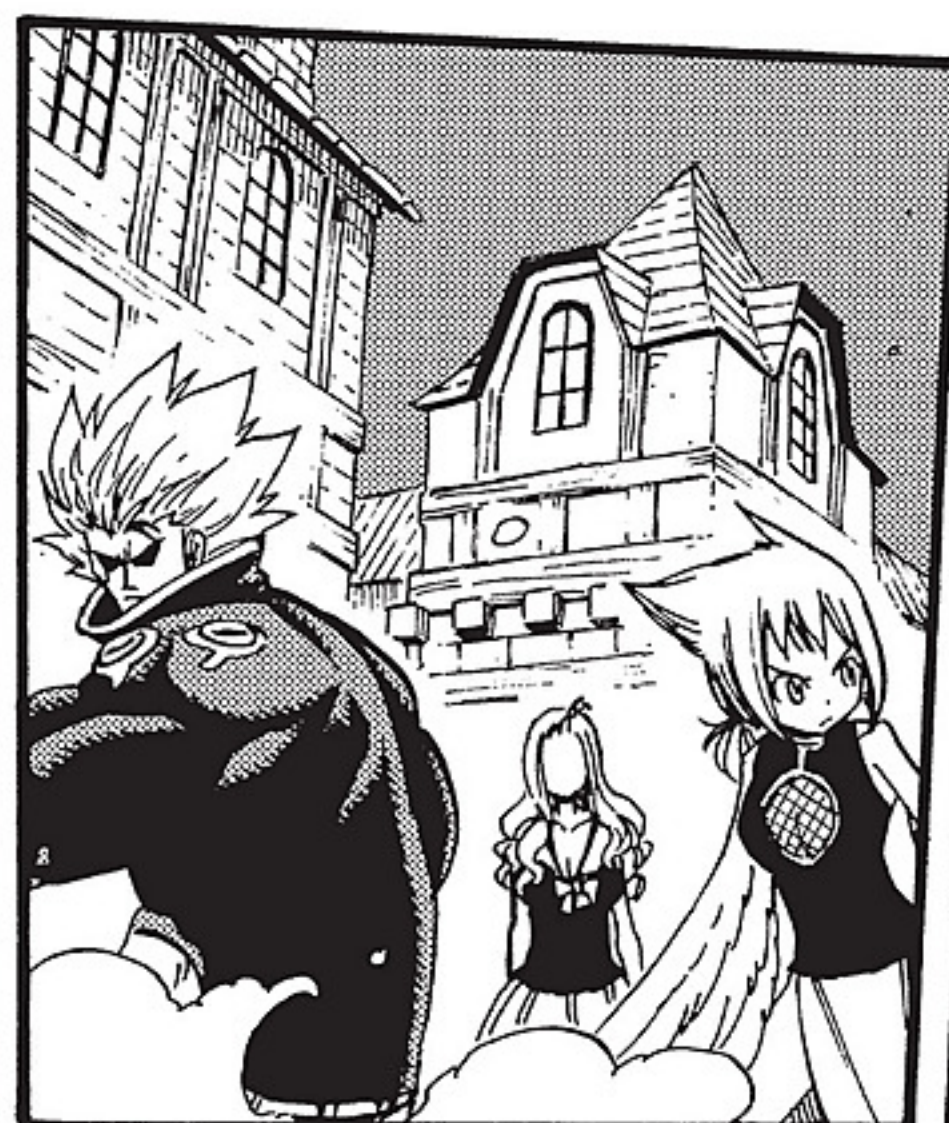
Still, there are not as many as when we fought Avatar!

Look at all of them!

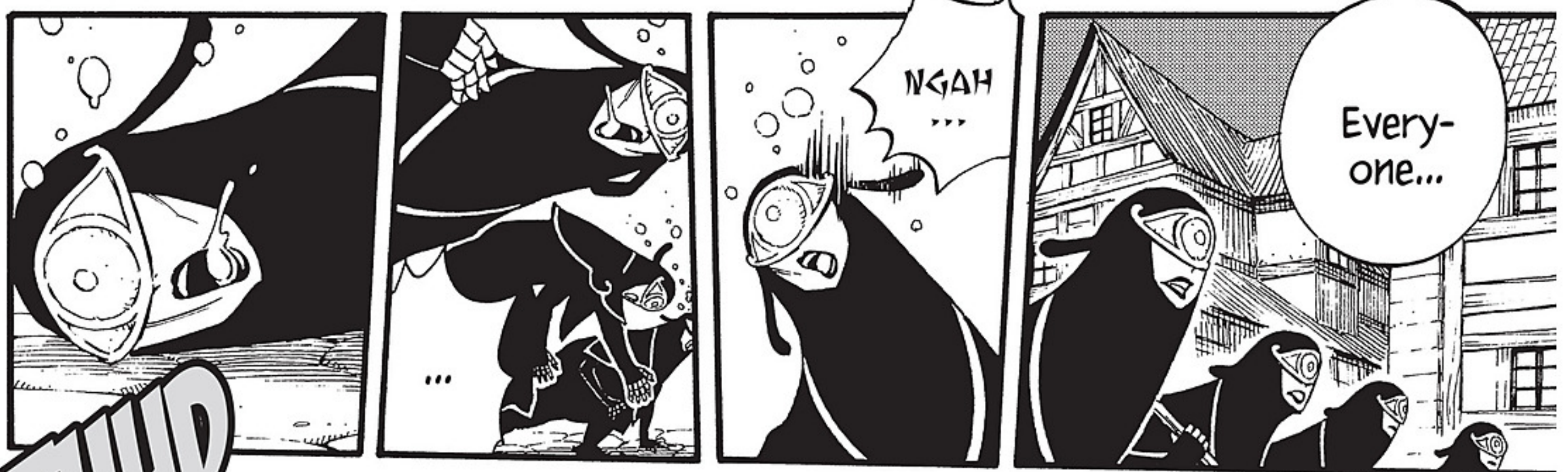
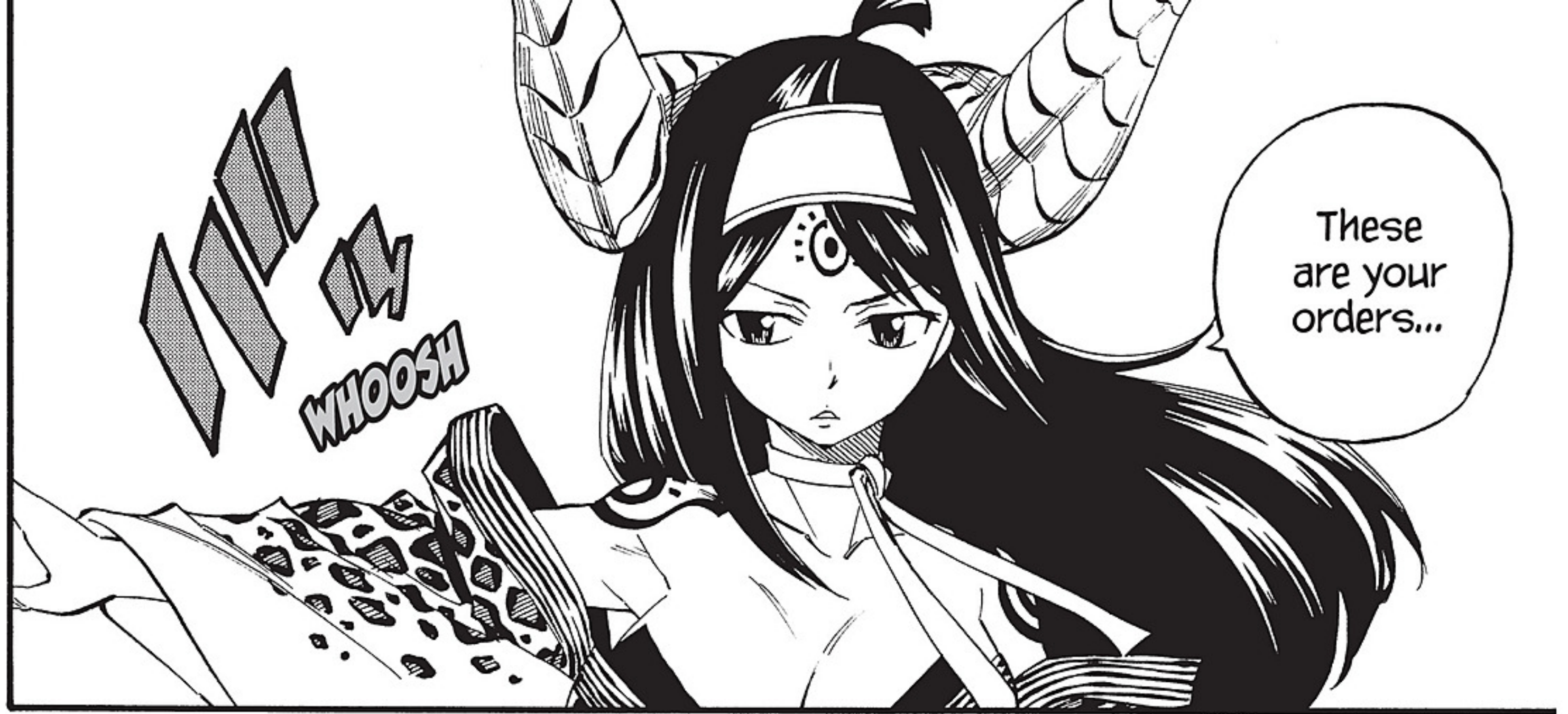


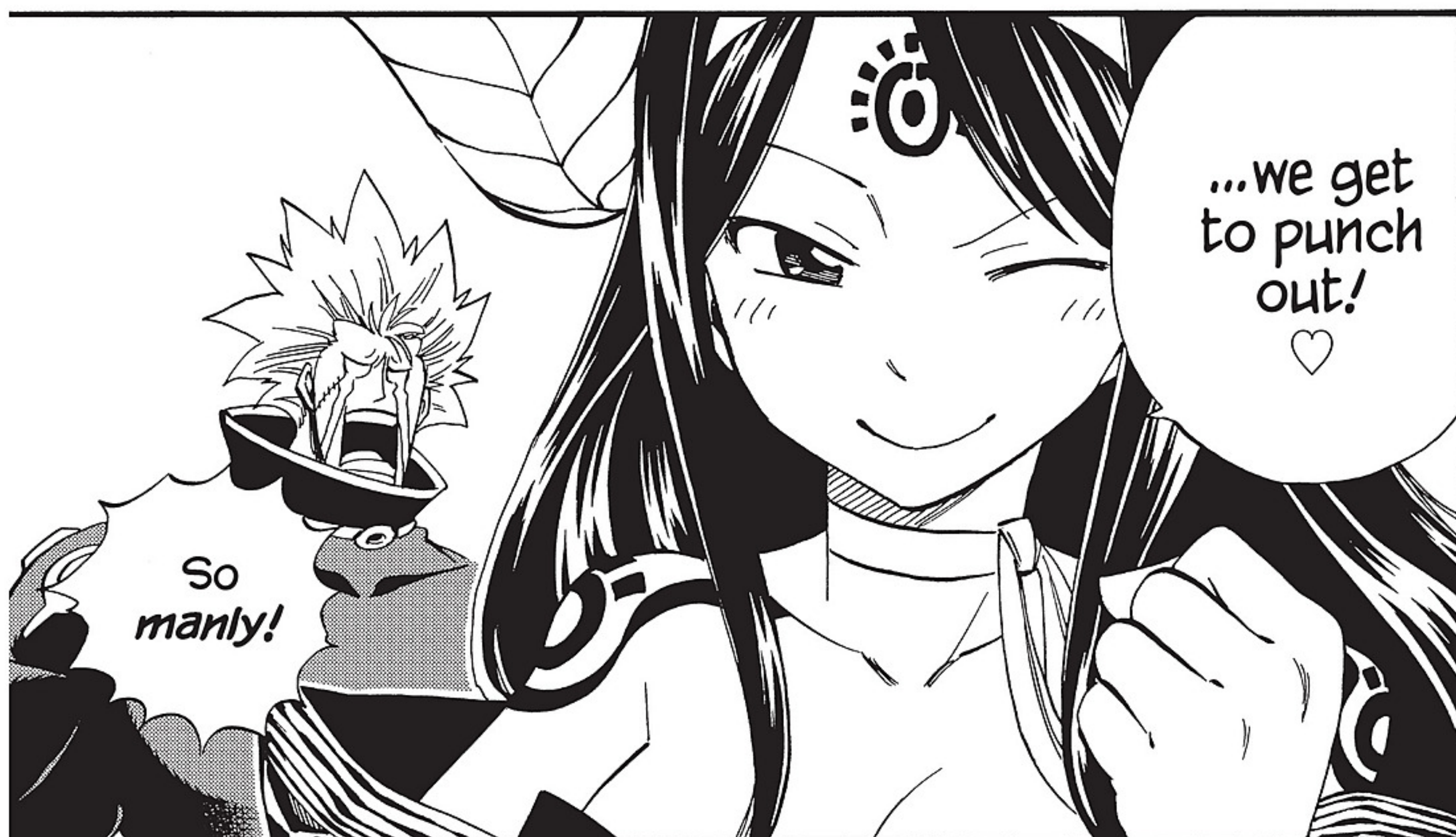
And this is just one part... of another part... of the entire army! Dammit!

Yeah, but these wizards have more training and stronger magic!



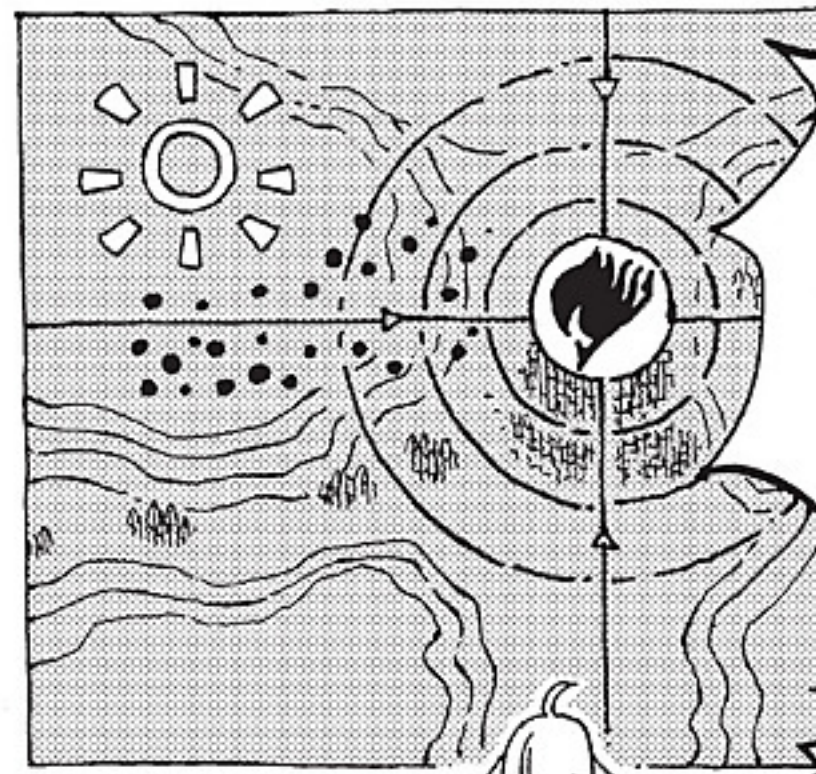








Even if we manage to survive this battle, we *know* that bigger forces are on their way...



Osprey Force, Erza's aerial battle is not going well for her!

The guild ...

Isn't Jupiter ready yet?

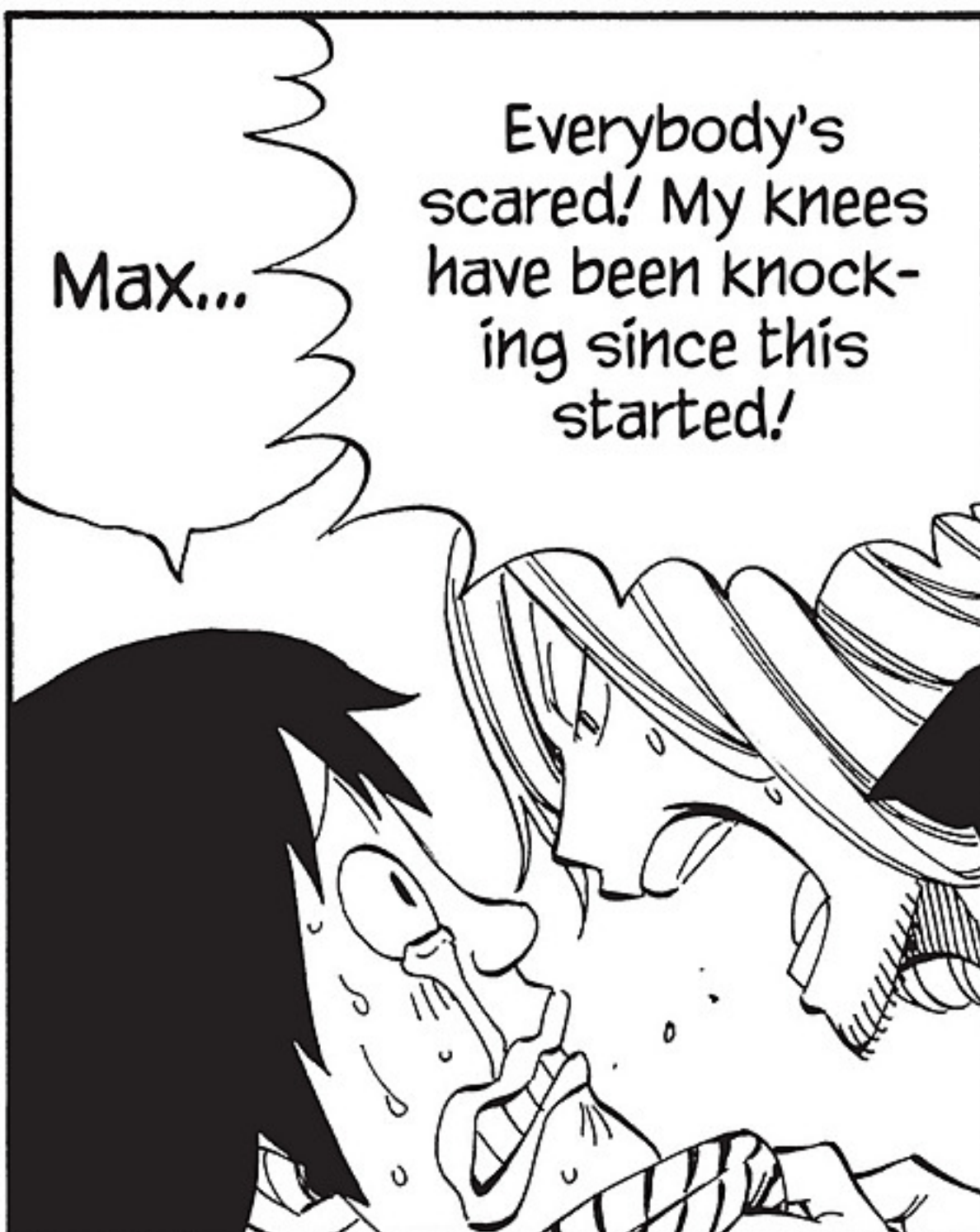


Warren !!!



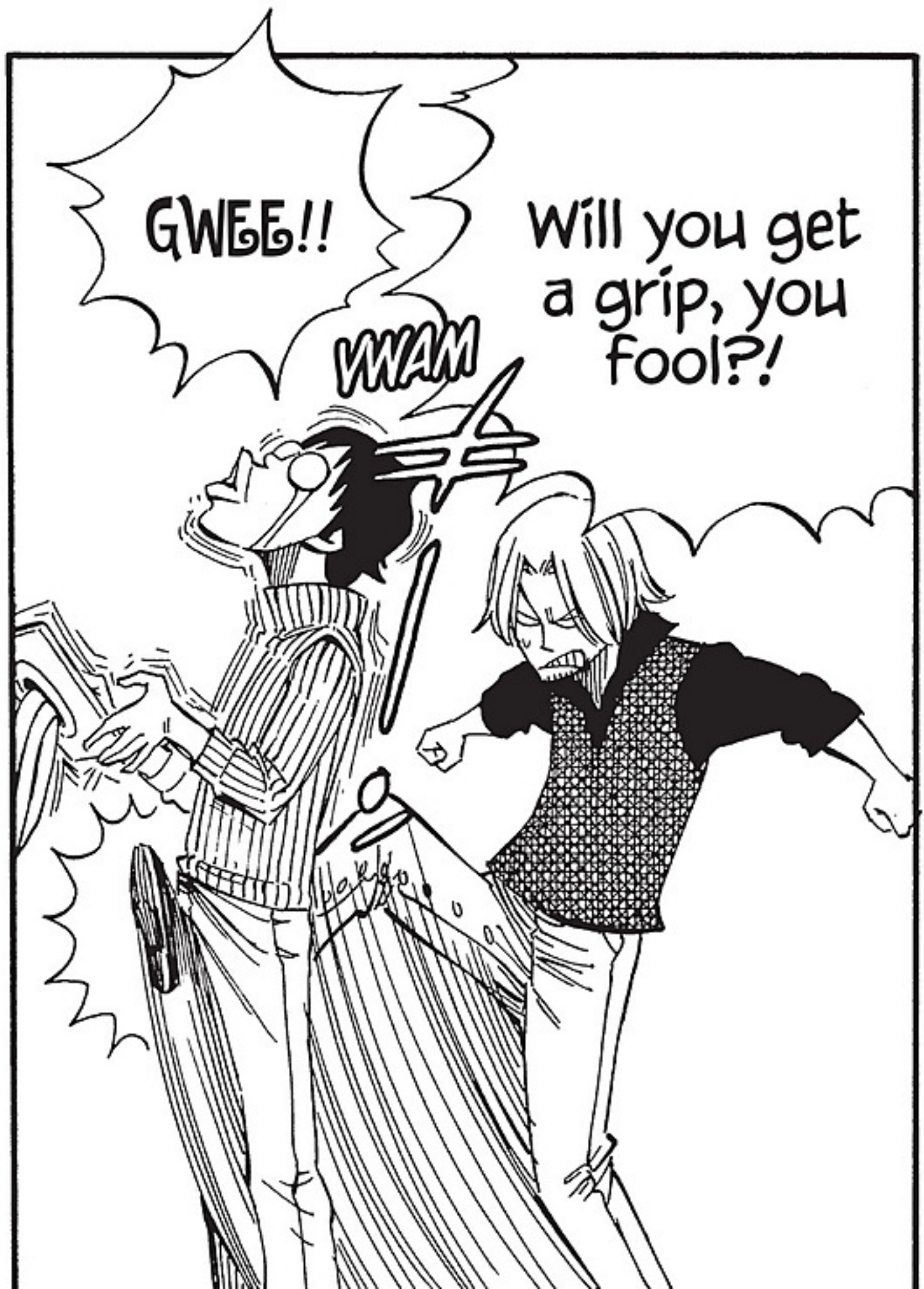
Waahh...

Warren, use your telepathy! You need to transmit my orders!



Max...

Everybody's scared! My knees have been knocking since this started!



GWEE!!

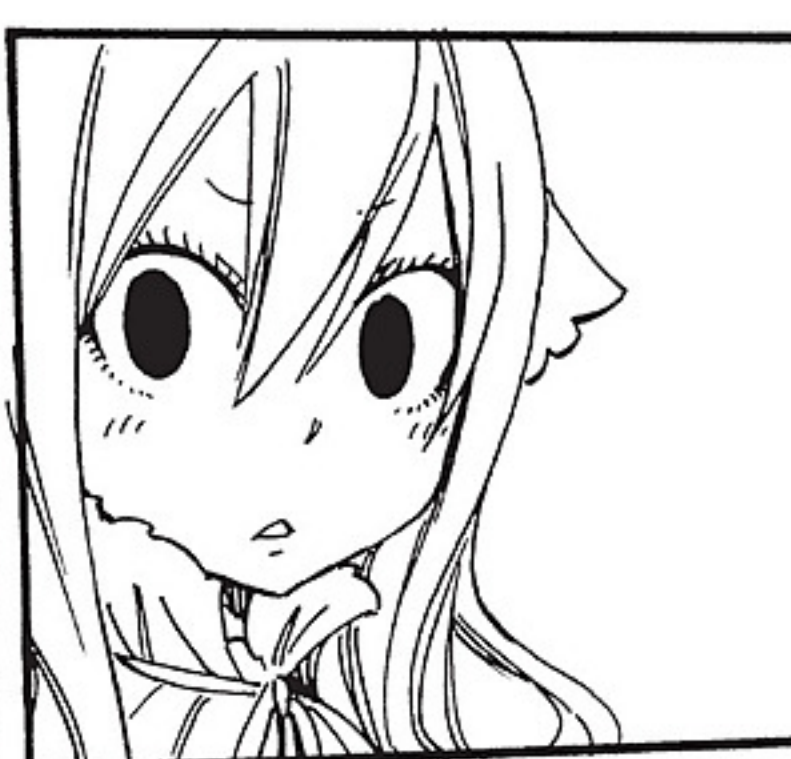
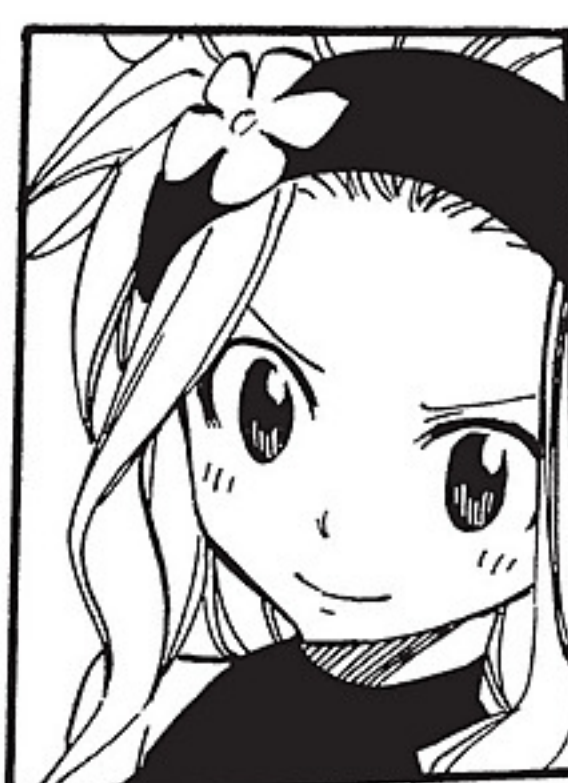
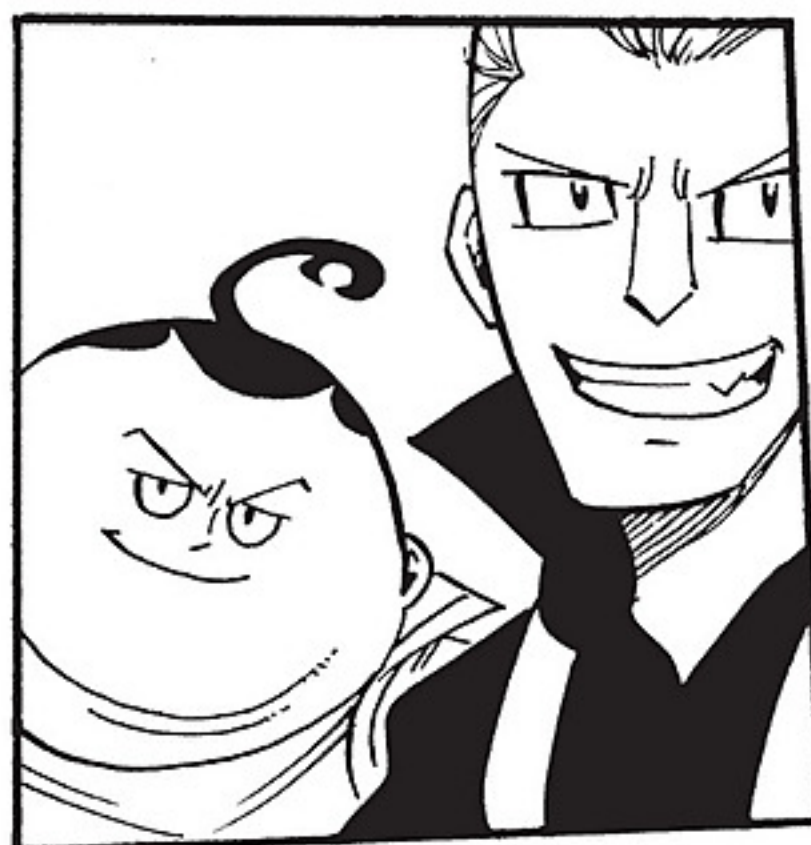
WAM

Will you get a grip, you fool?!



**But we
gotta
fight
!!!!**

**This is our
home!!!!
We gotta
protect our
home!!!!**



This is
Warren...

Yes...

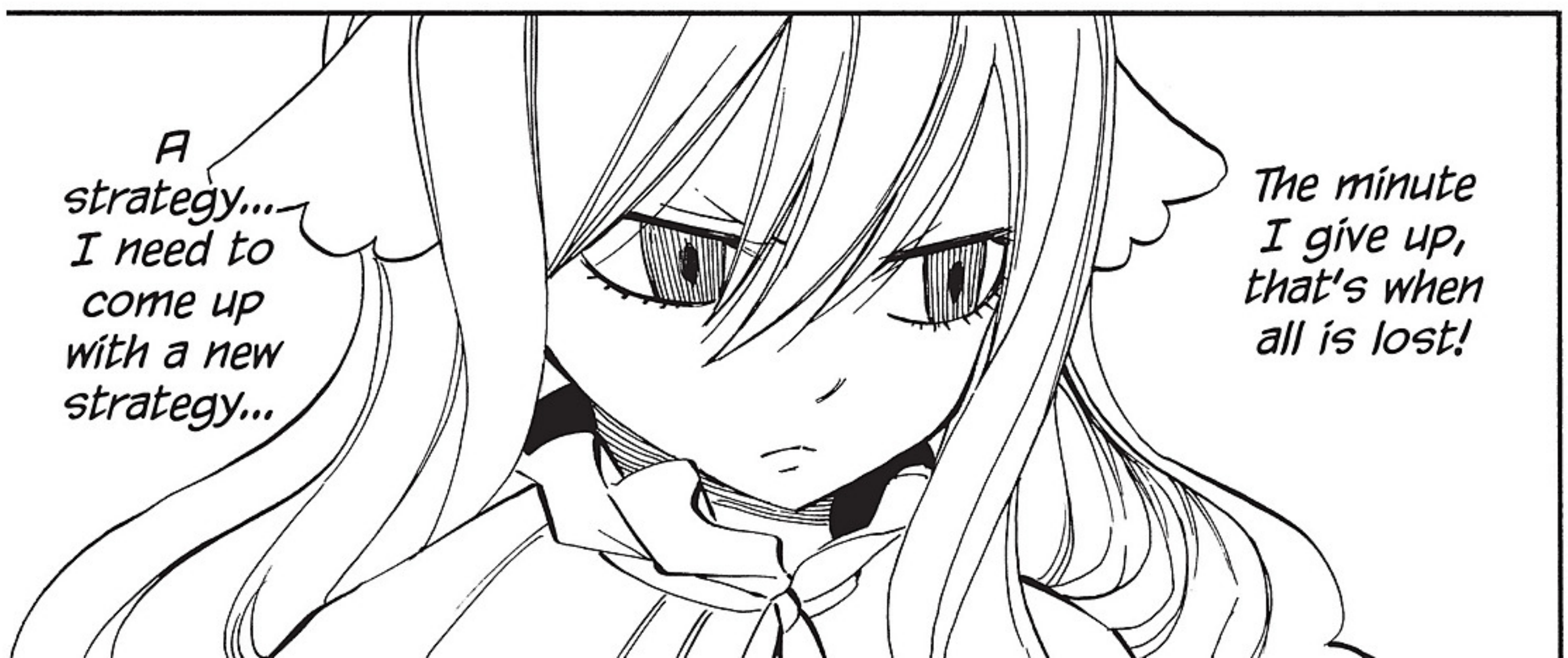
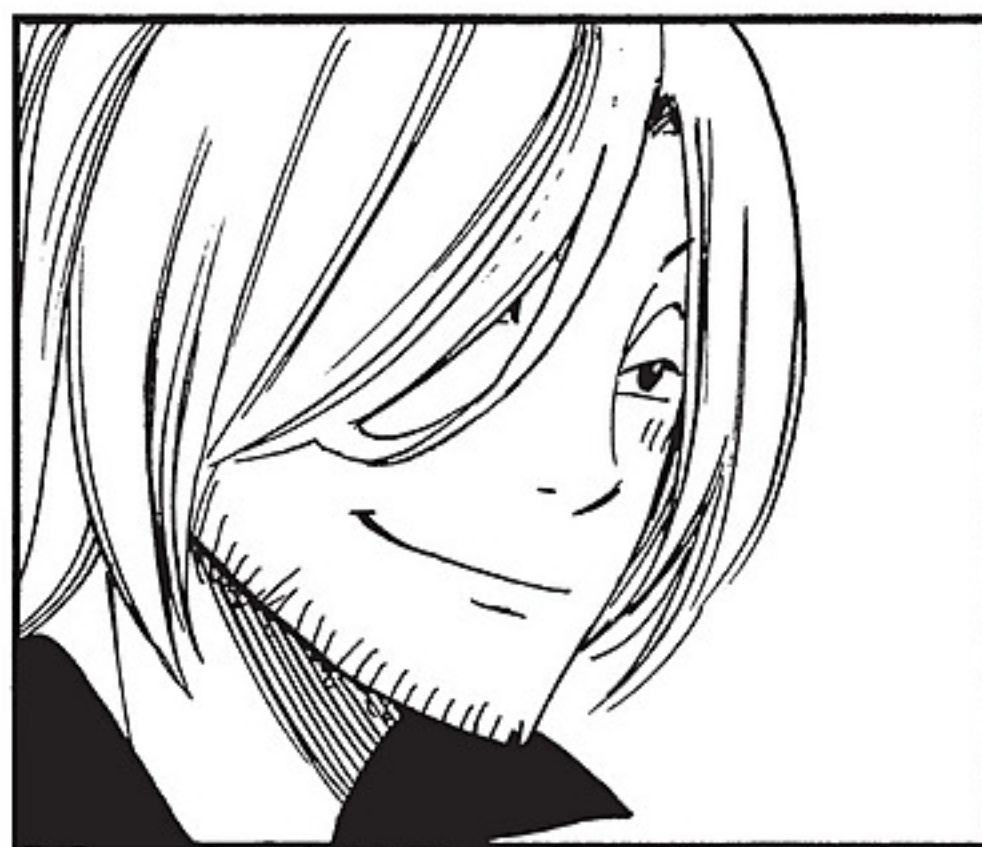
Osprey
Force, can
you hear
me?

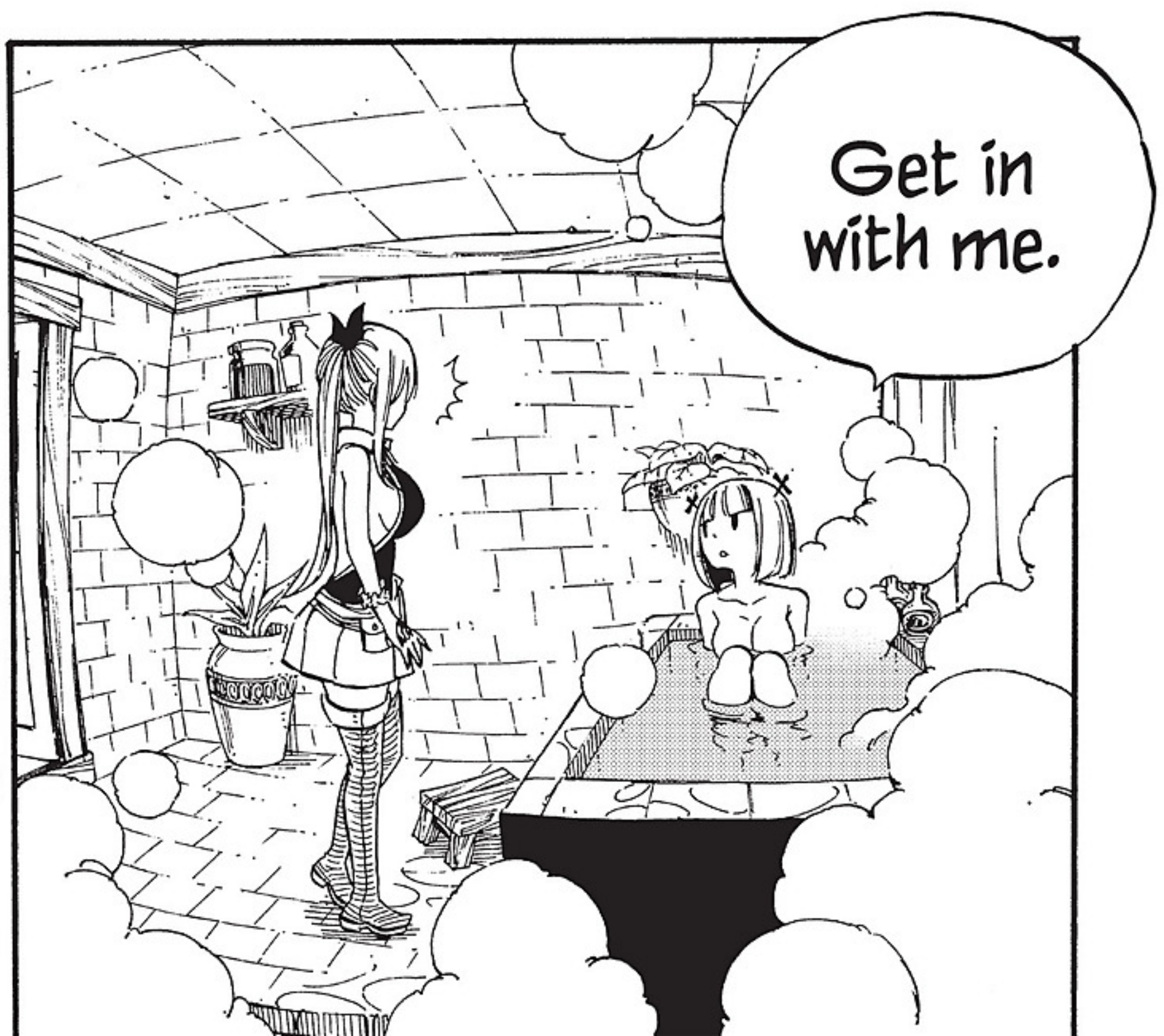
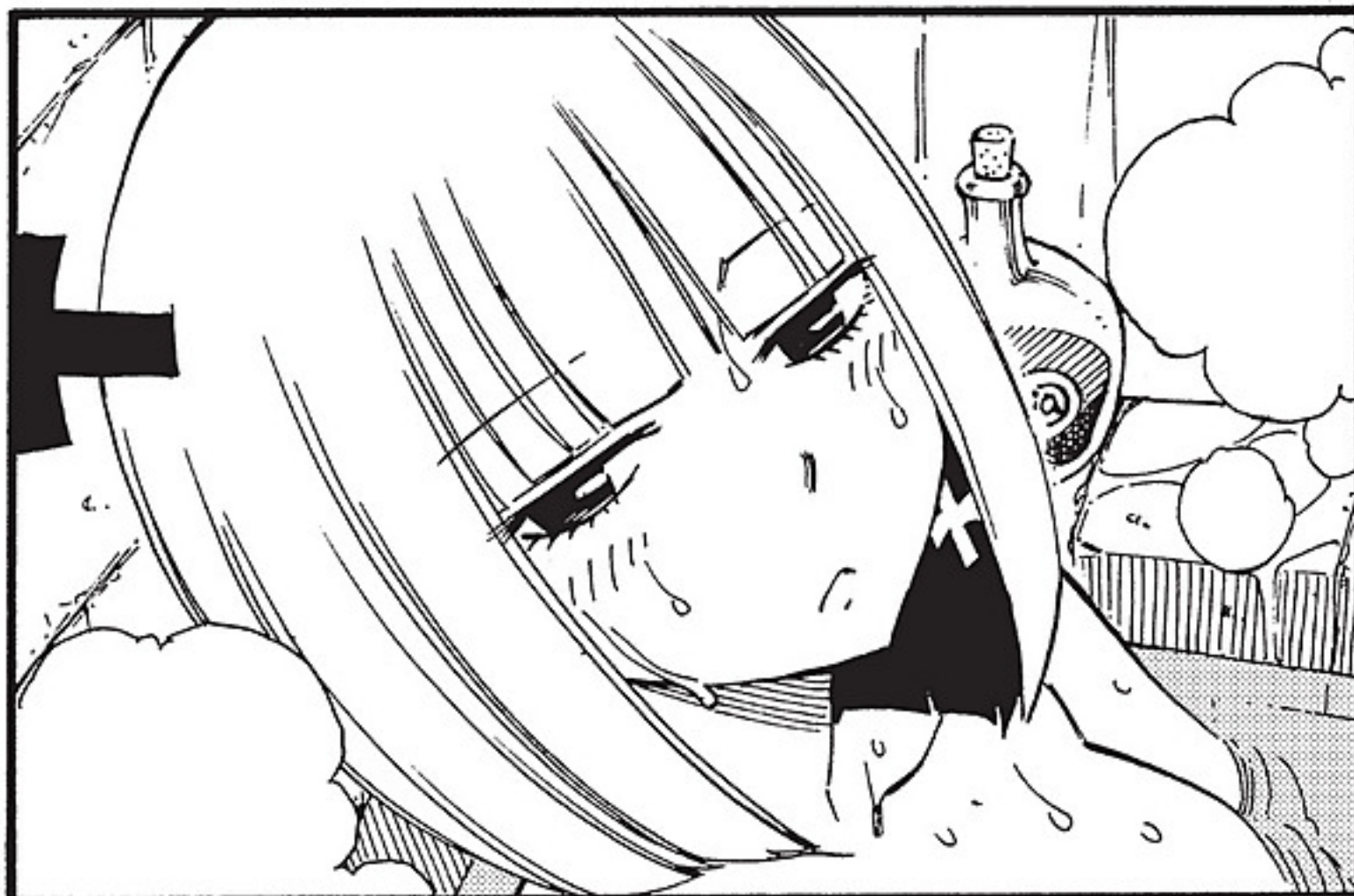
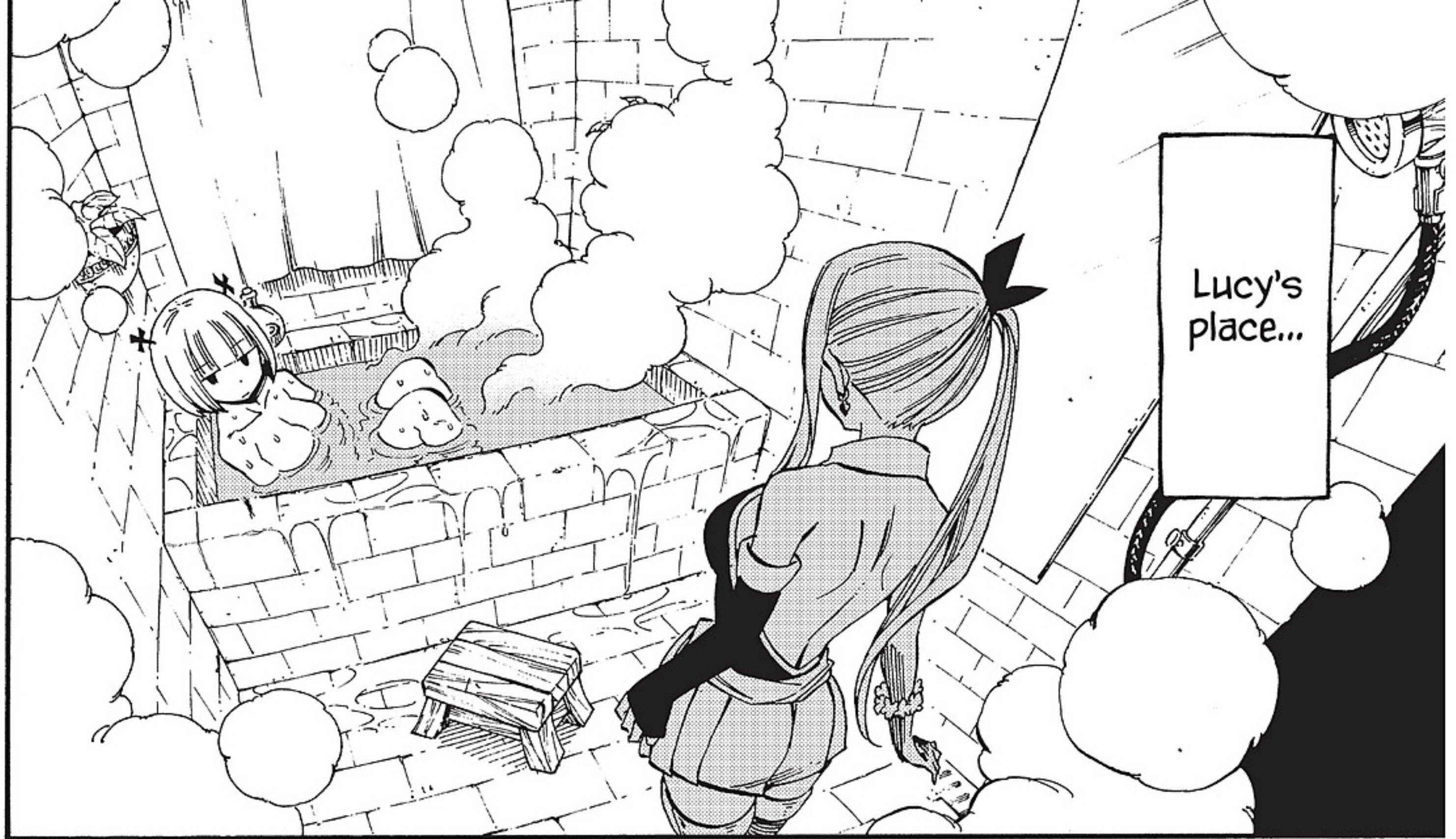
GWEE!

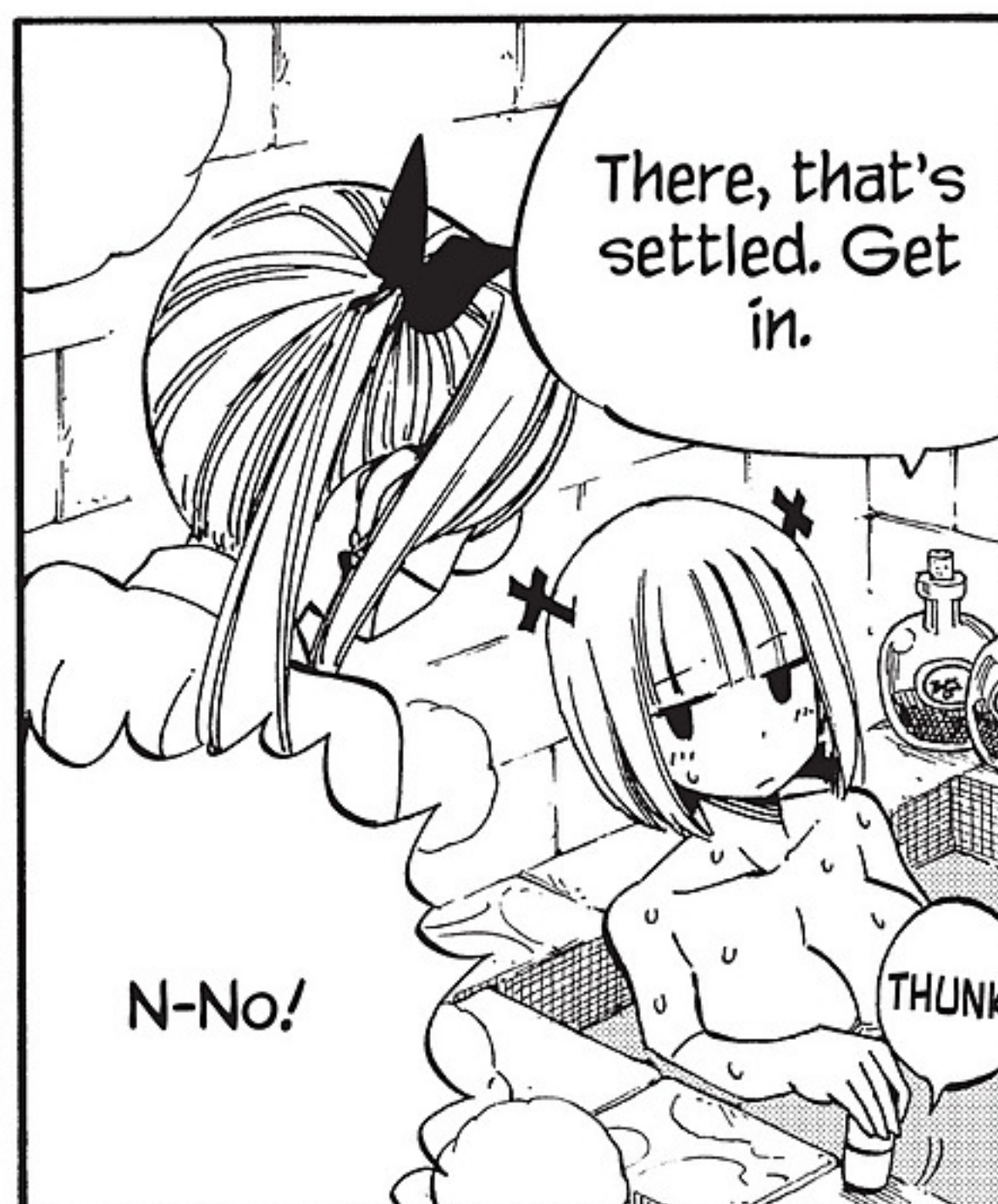
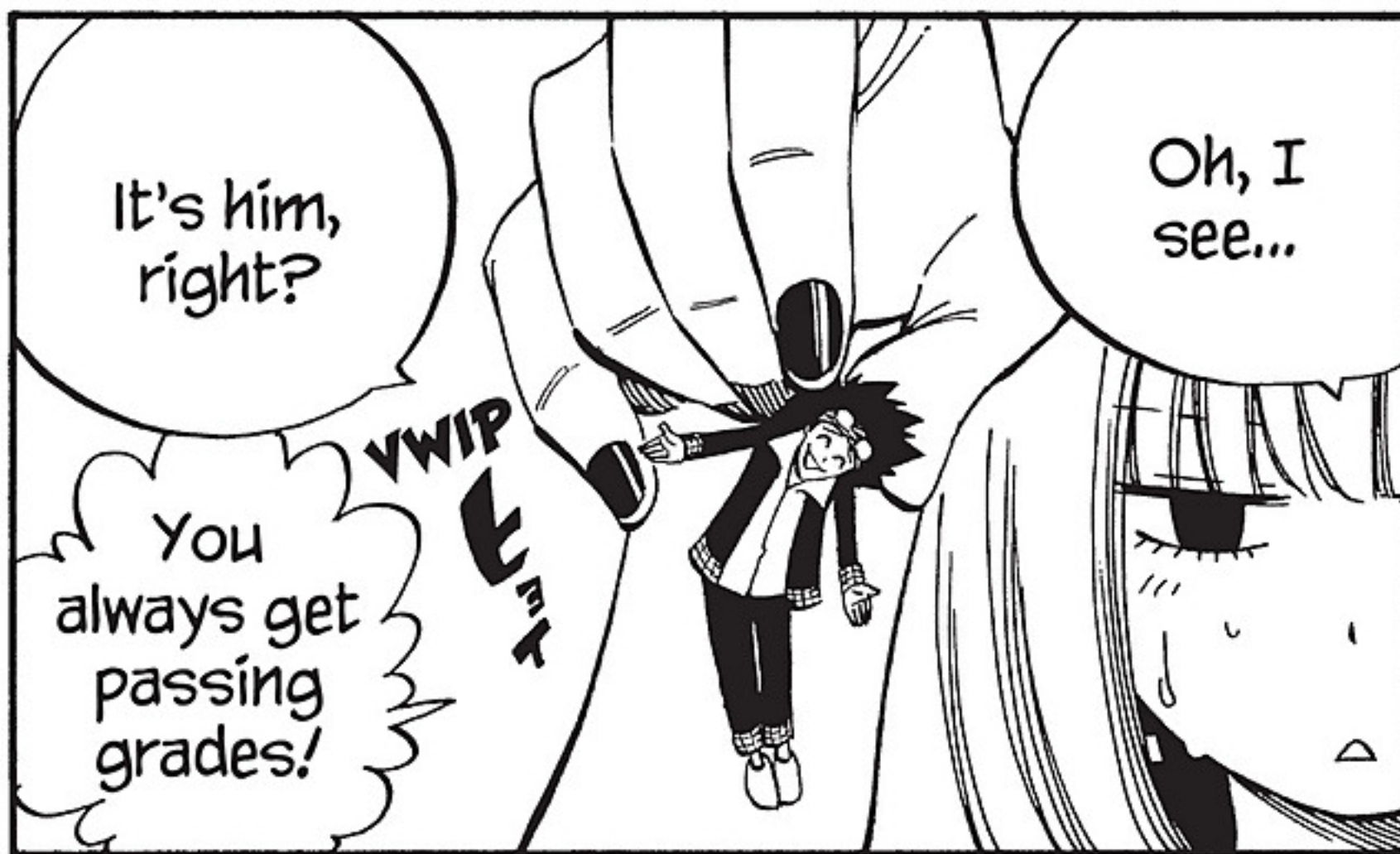
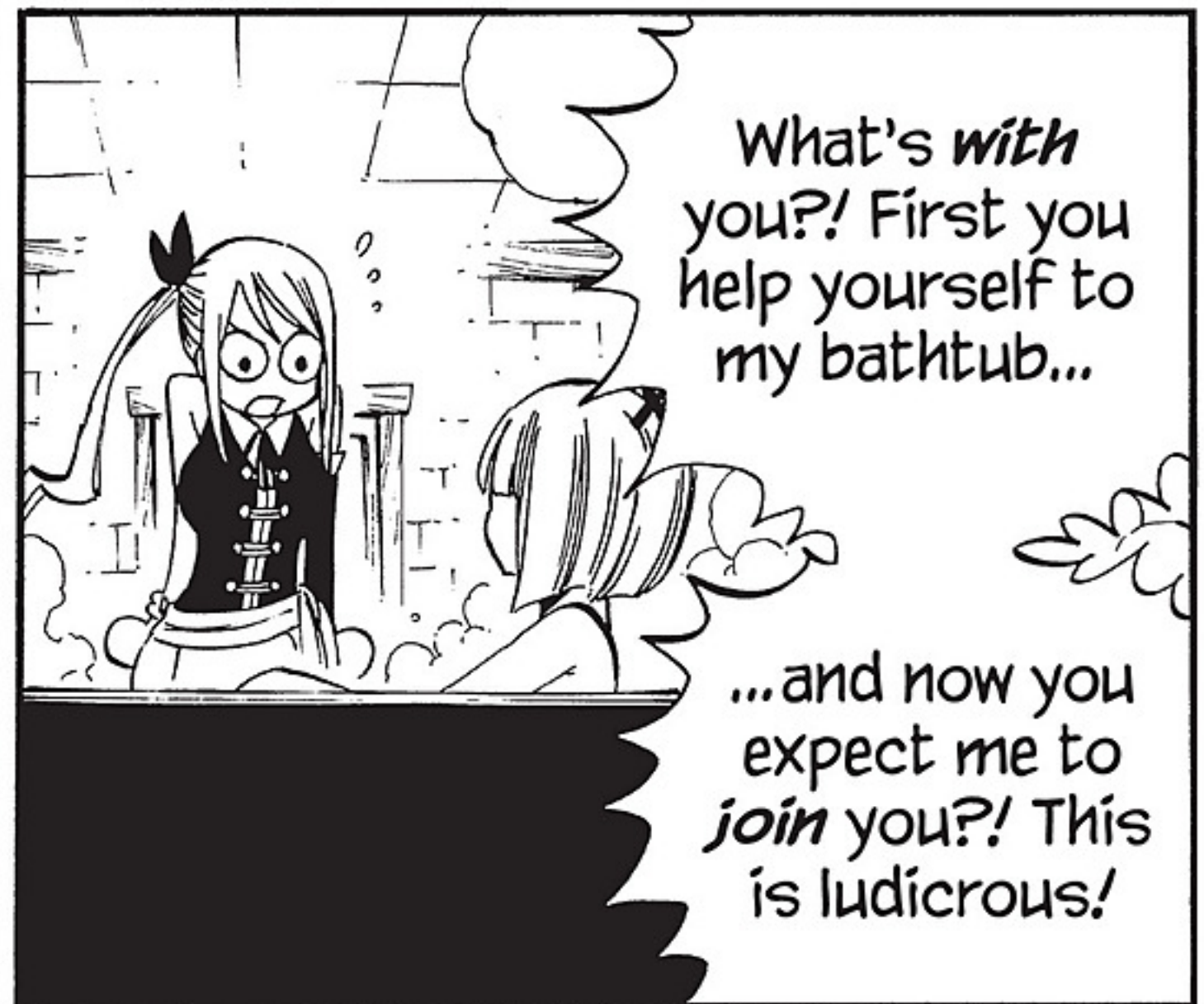
You don't
kick a guy in
the junk!

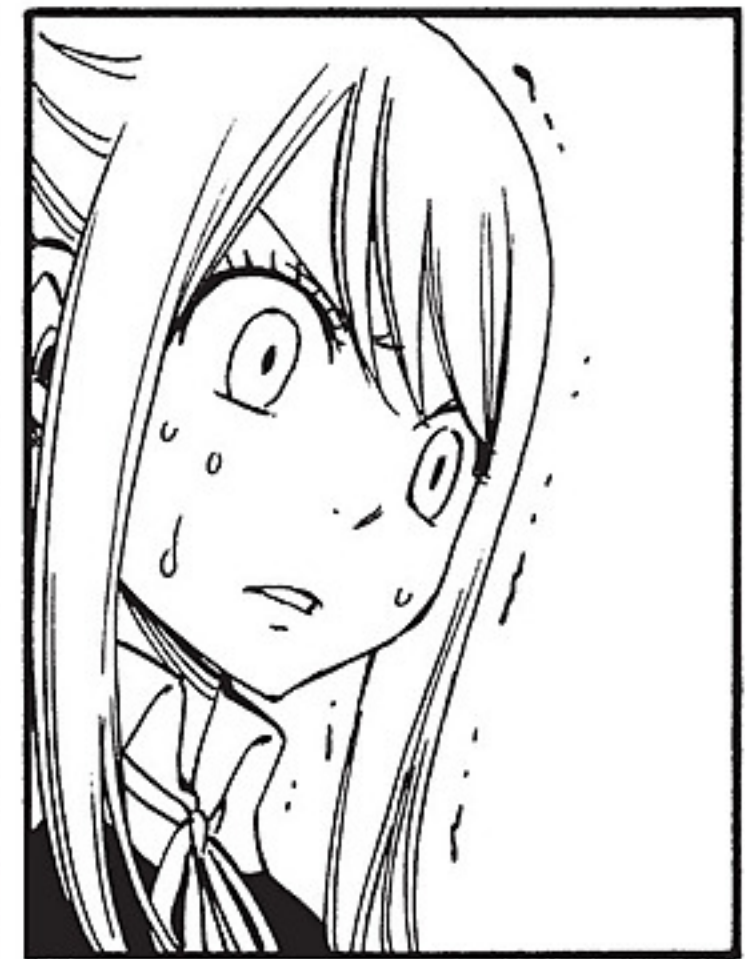
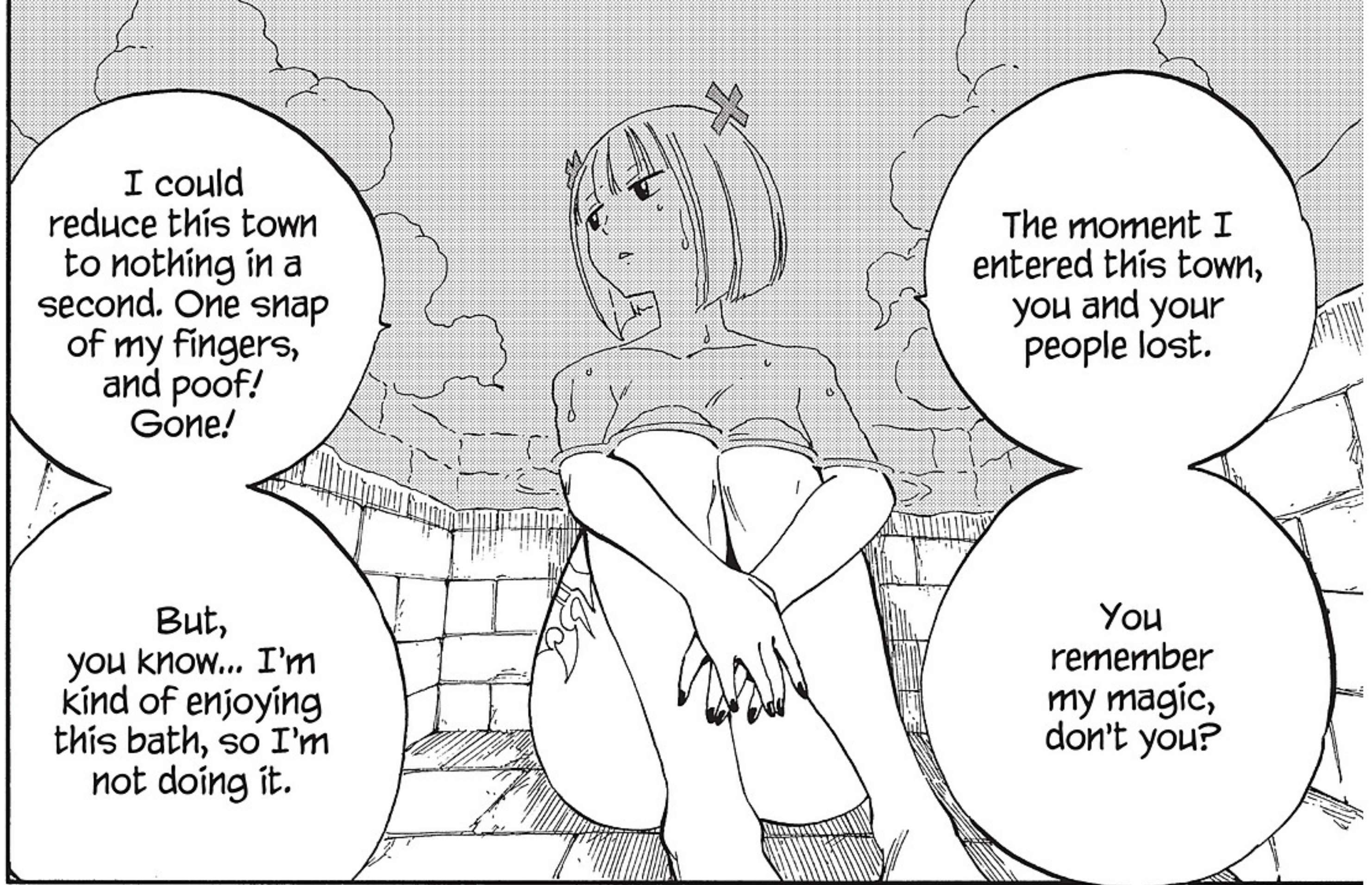
ZWUMP!!

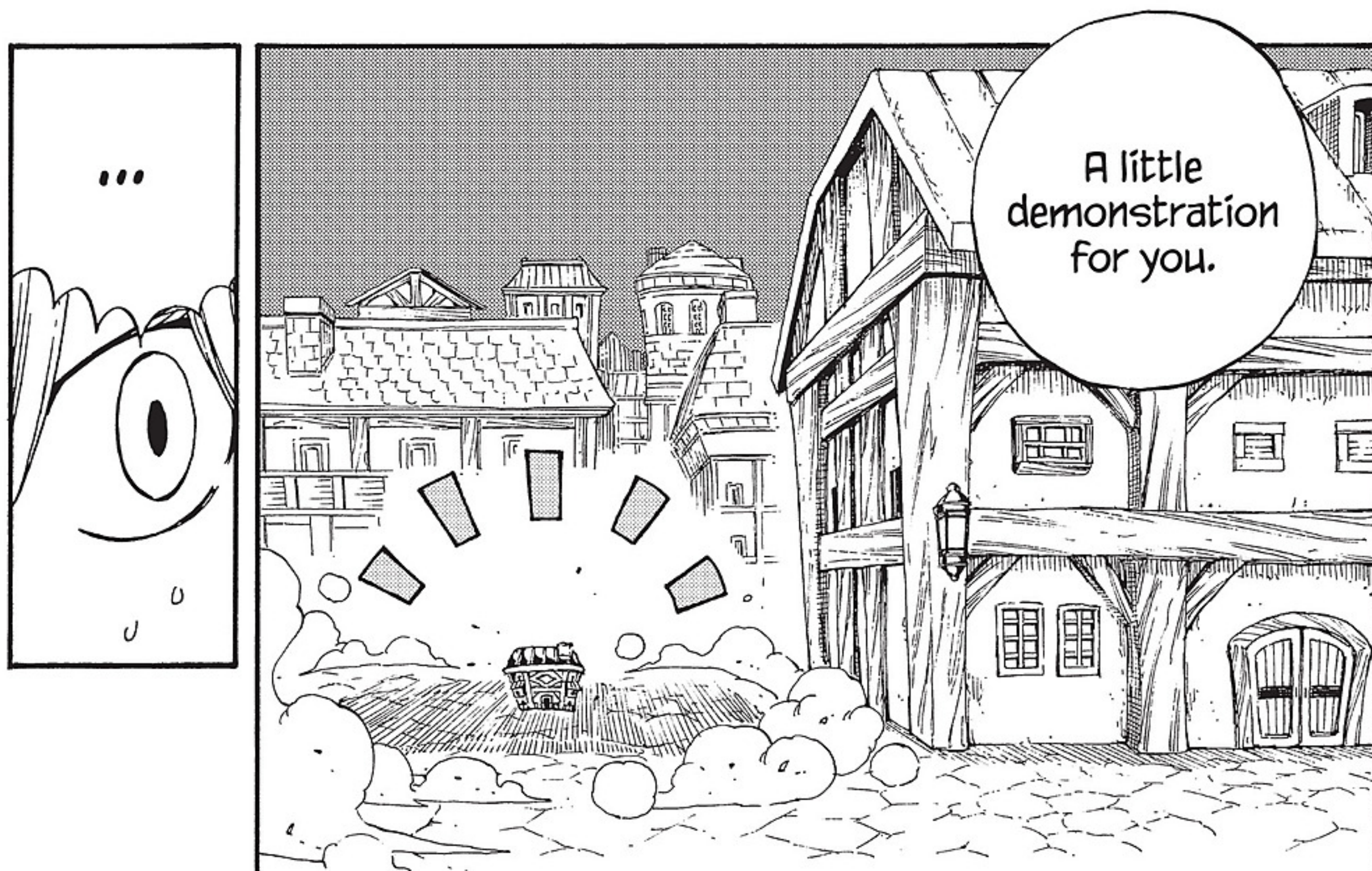
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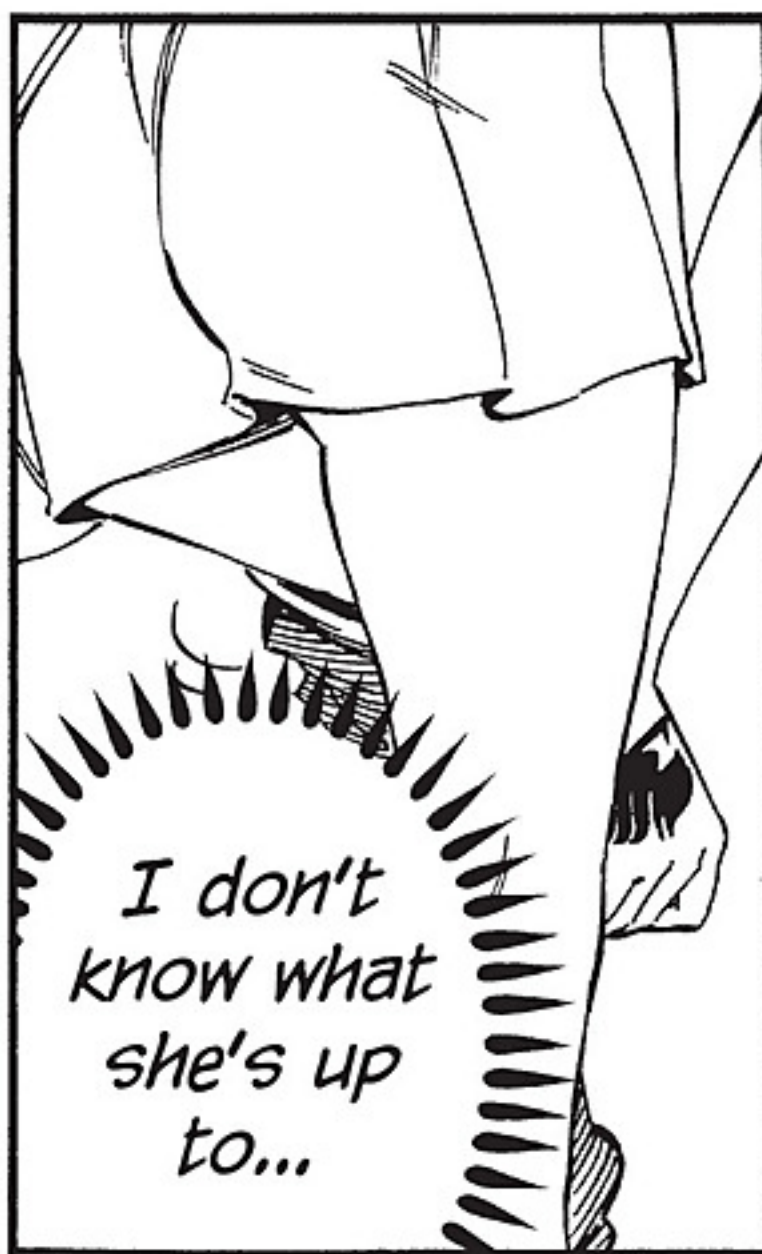


I want
to see,
too! Just
kidding!

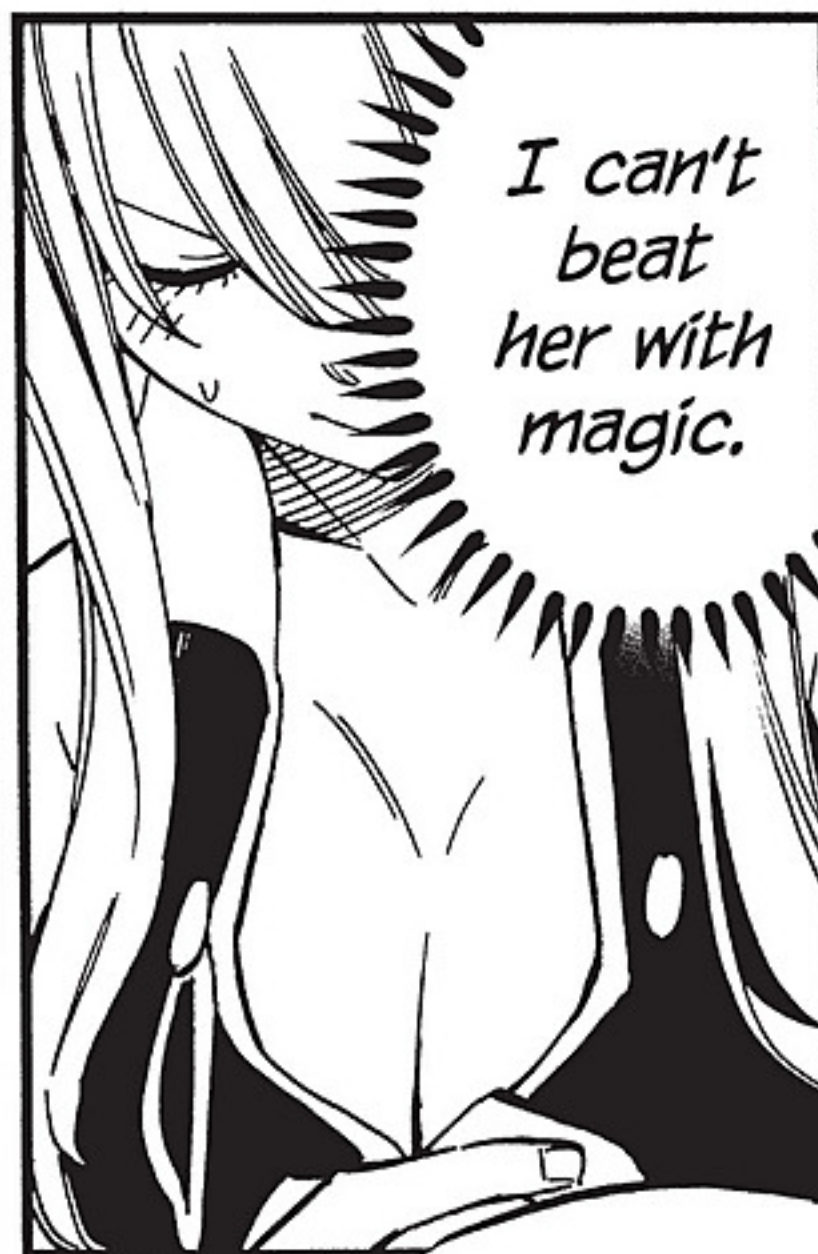


That's an
order.

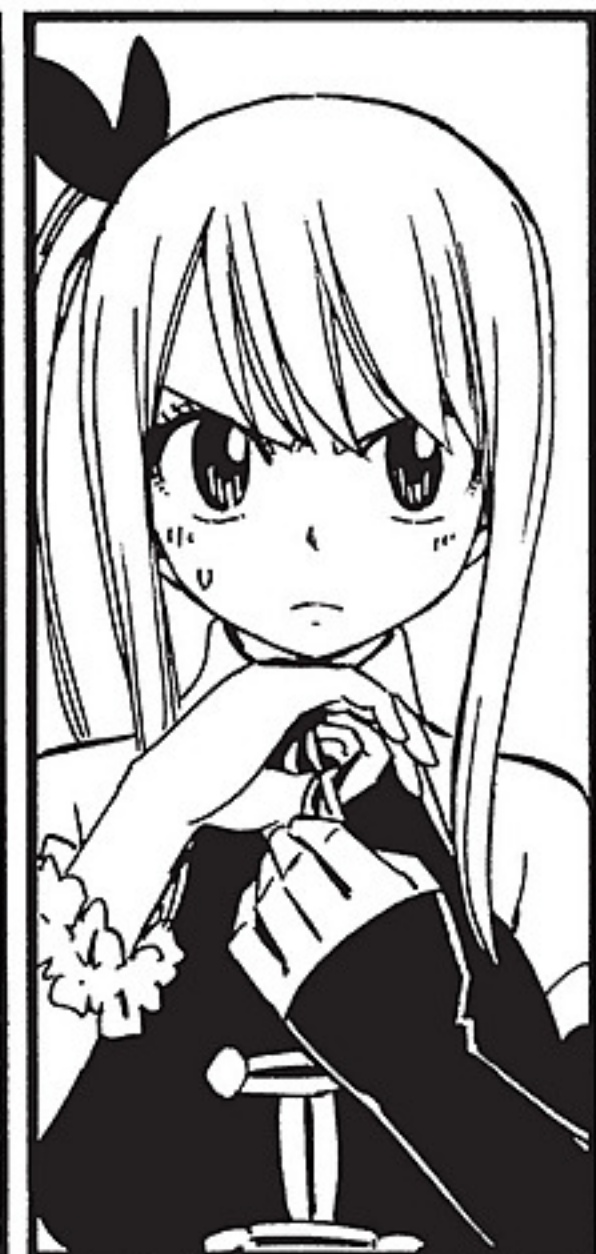
This is your
last chance.
Get in the
bath.



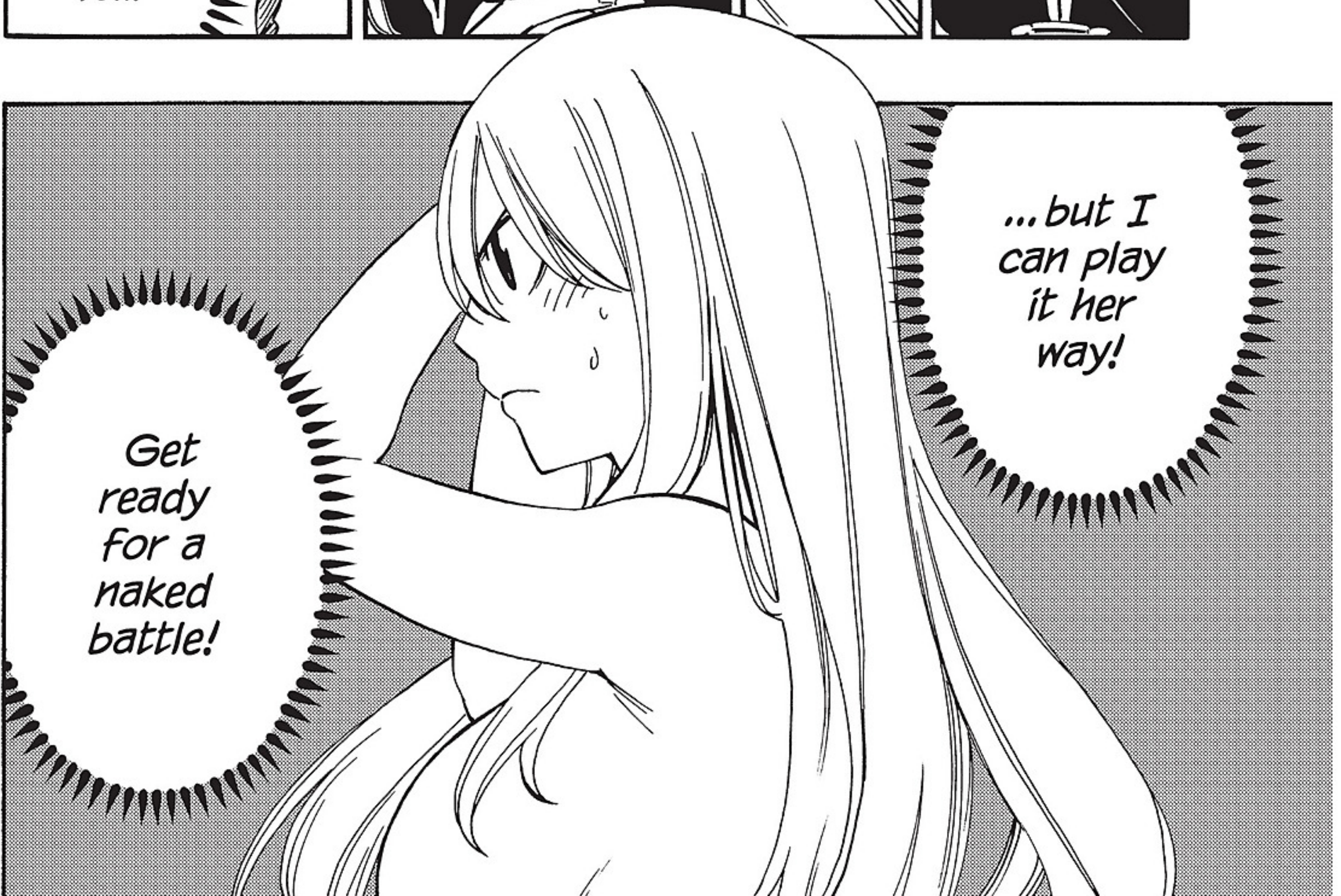
I don't
know what
she's up
to...



I can't
beat
her with
magic.



...but I
can play
it her
way!



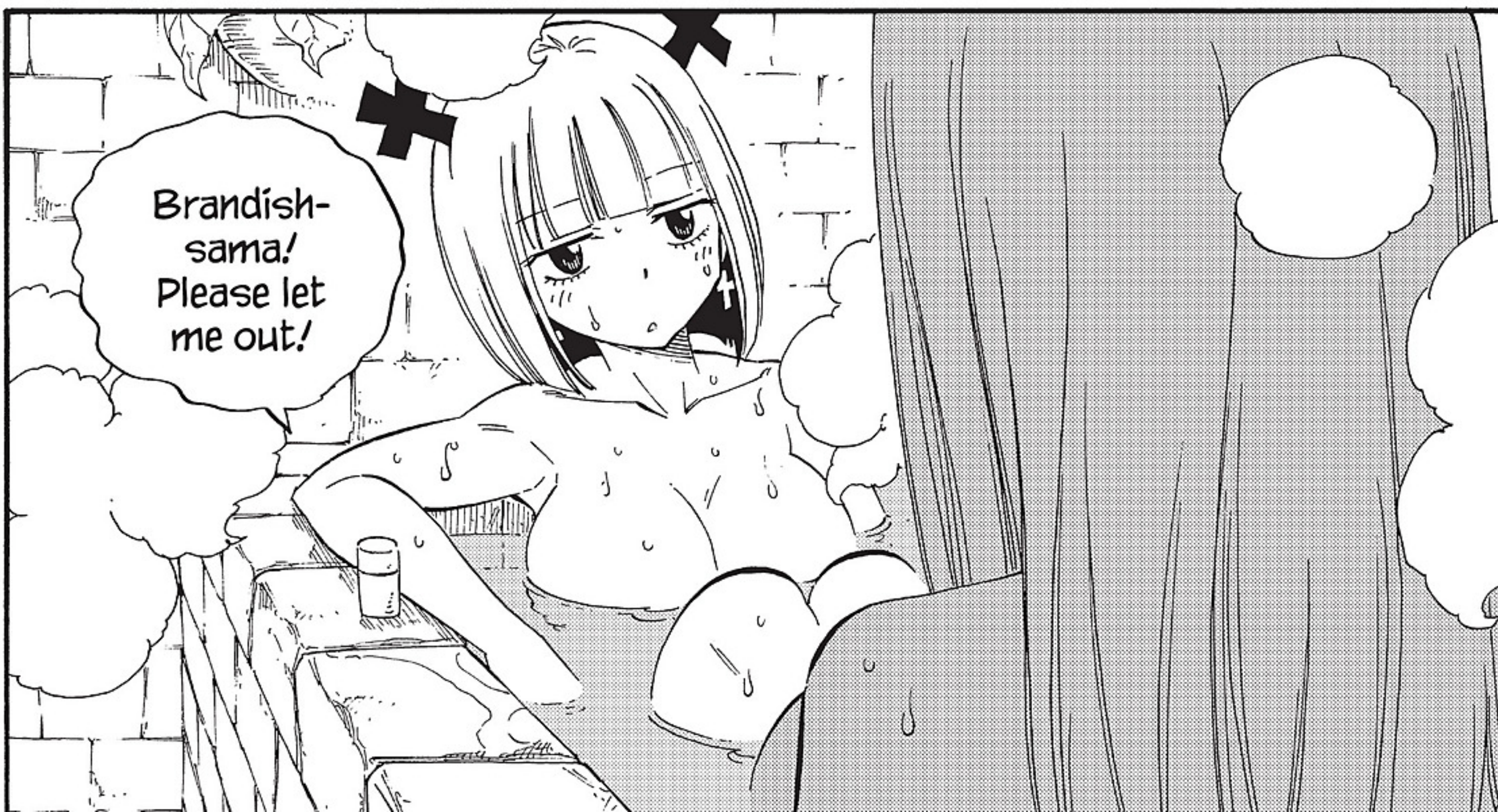
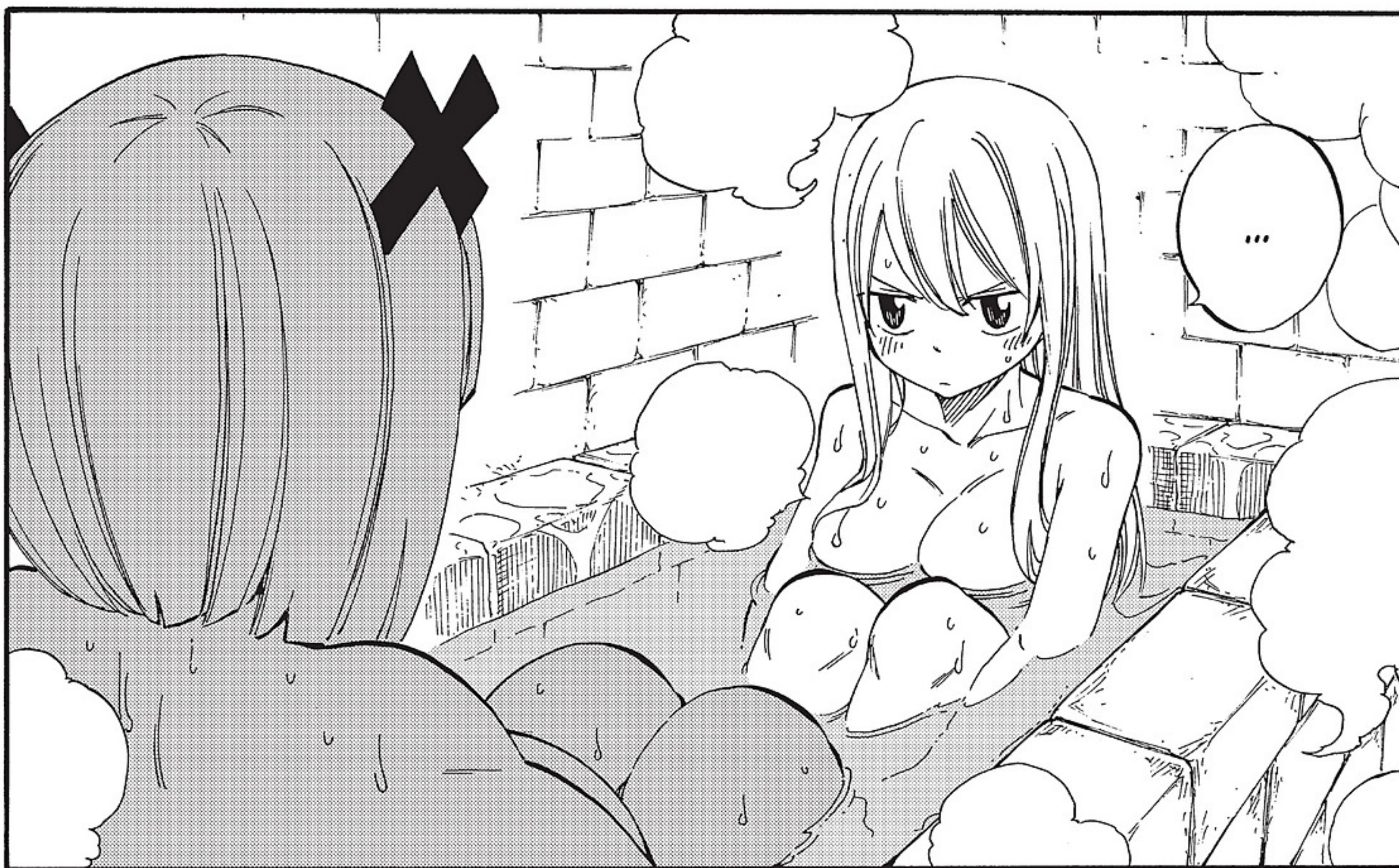
Get
ready
for a
naked
battle!

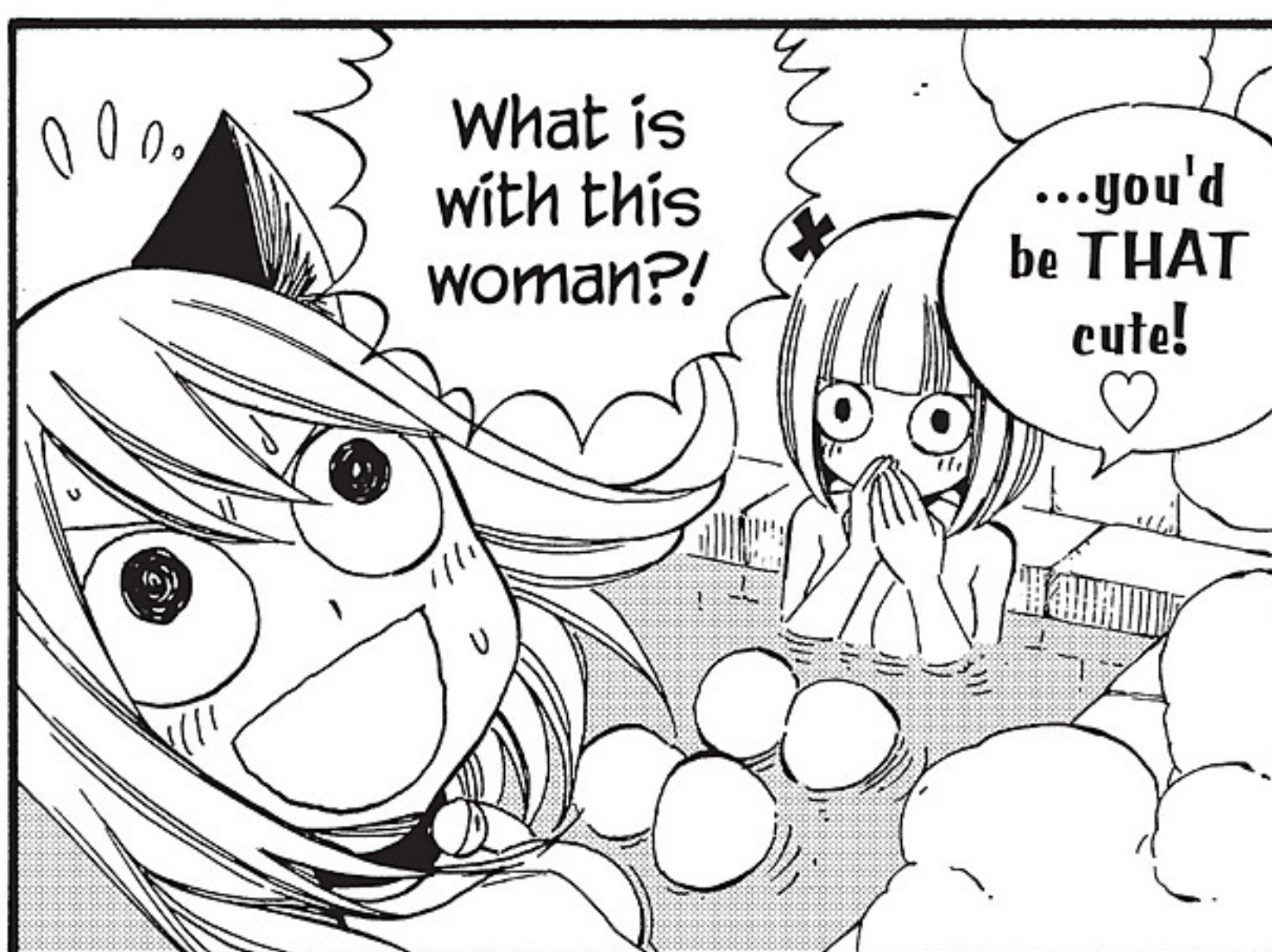
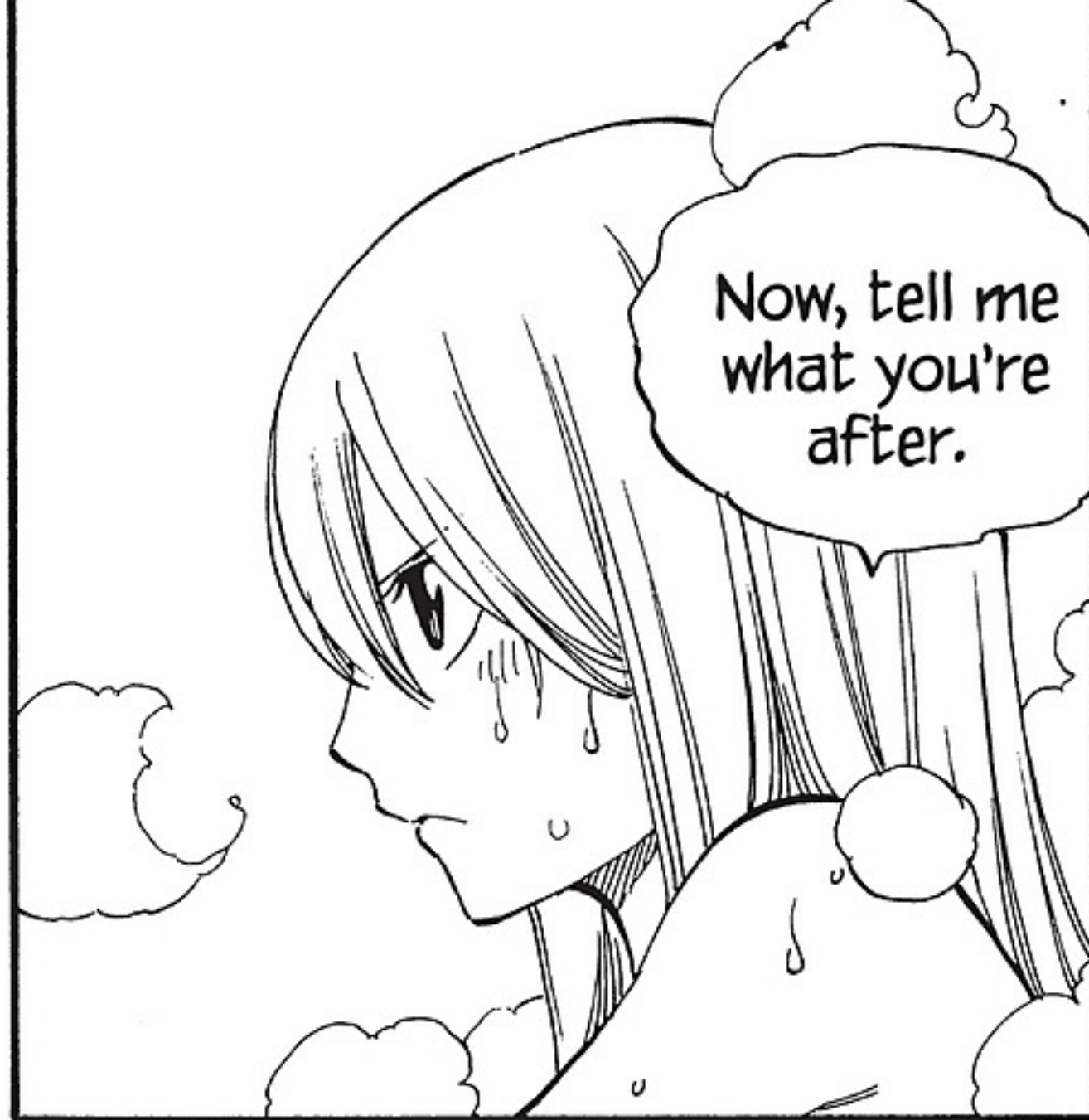
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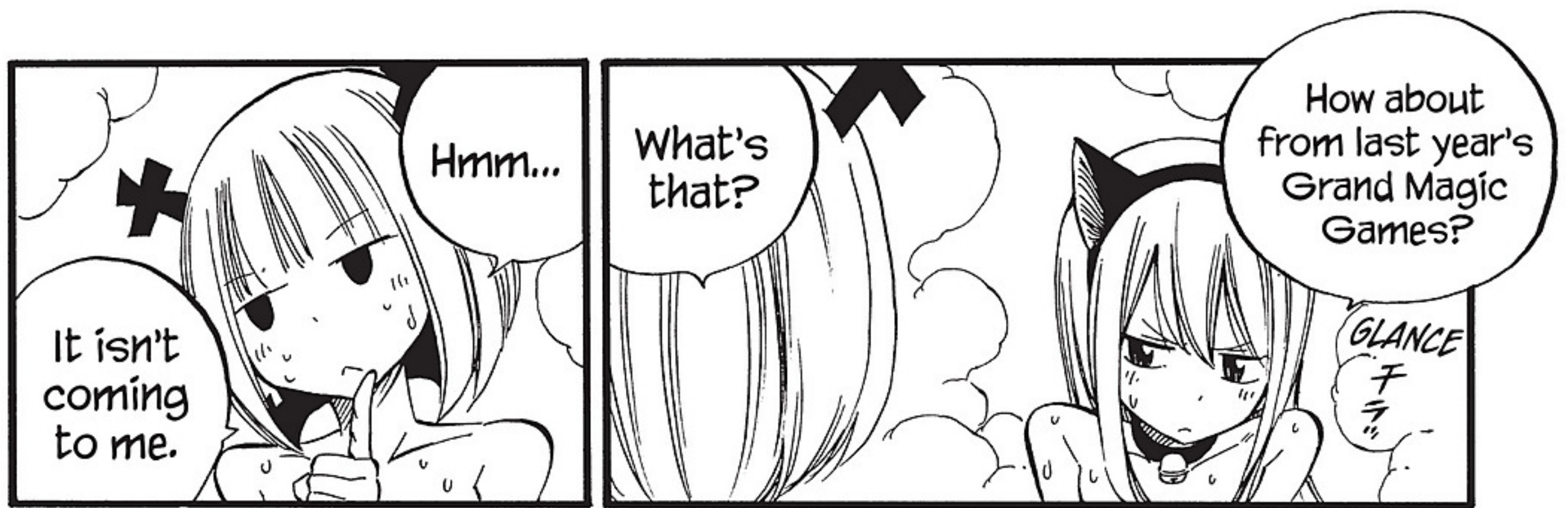
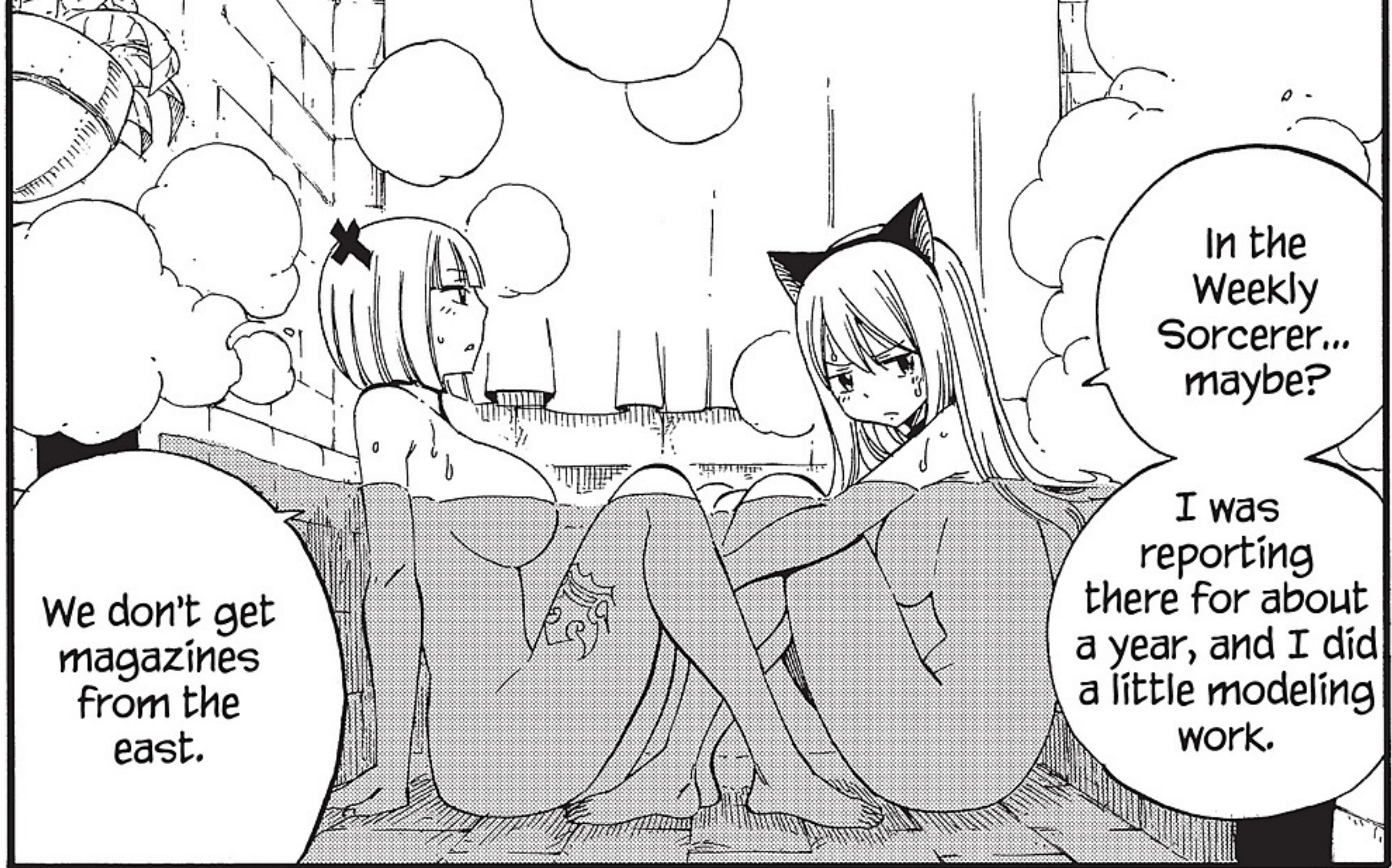
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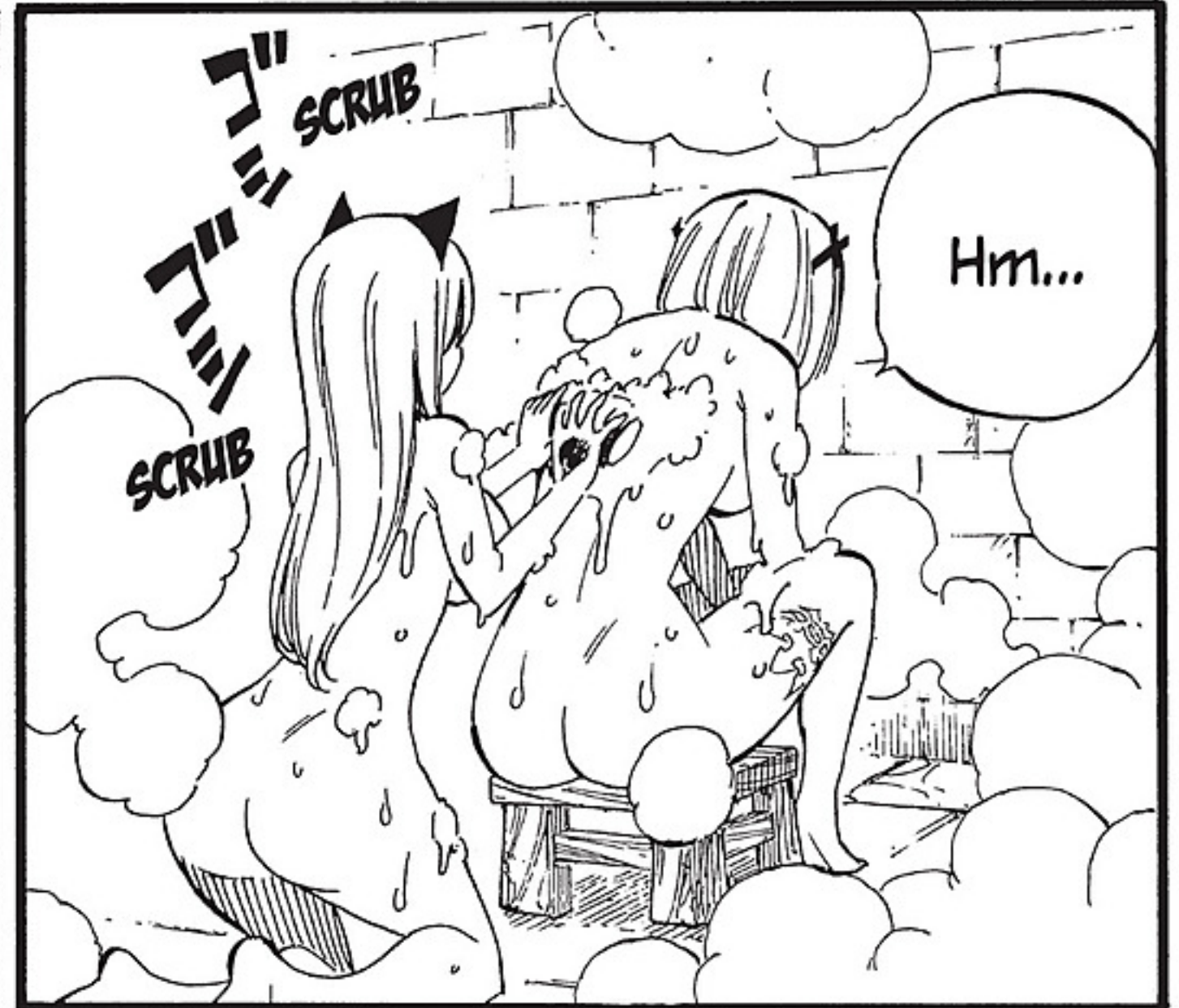
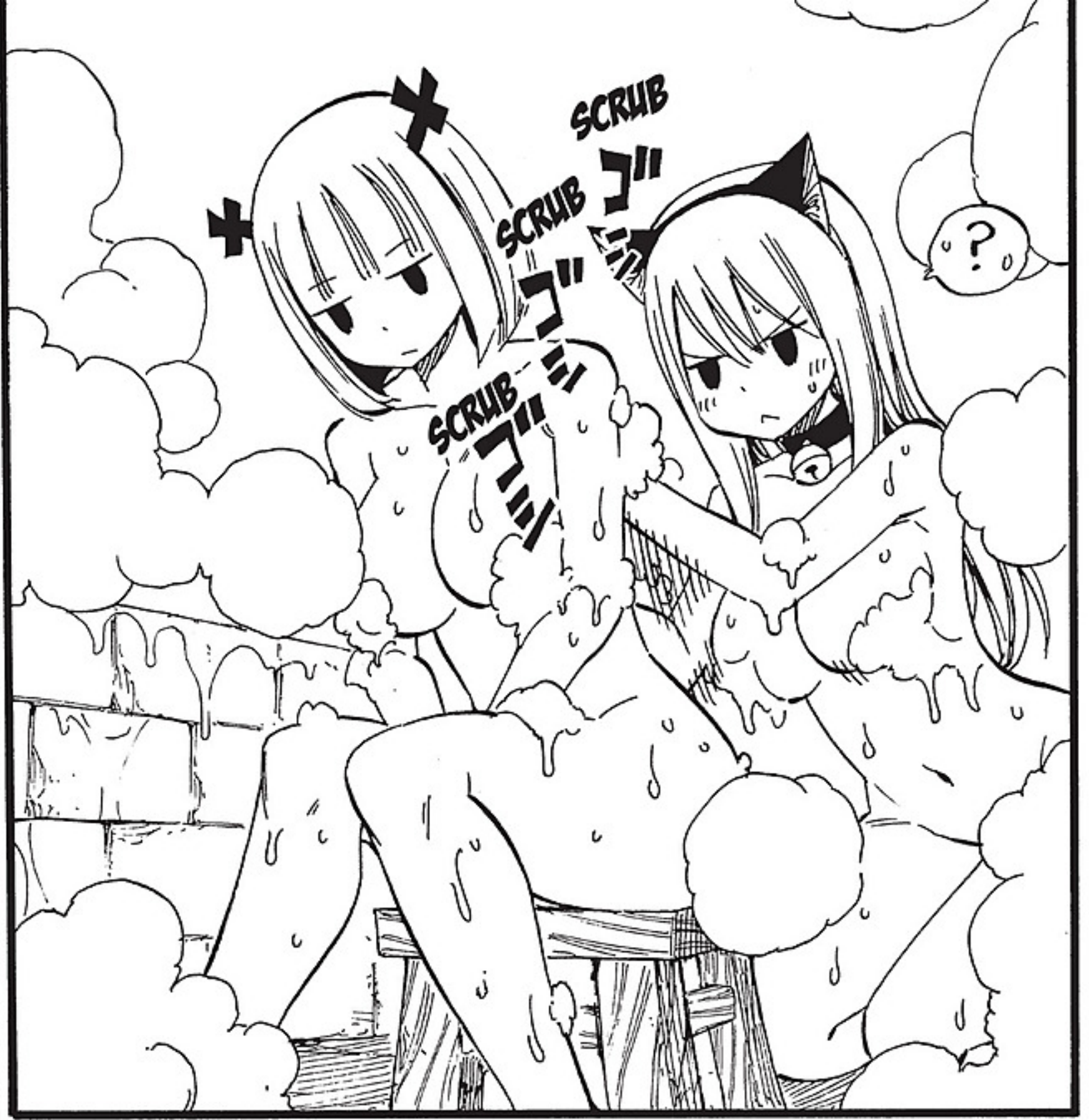
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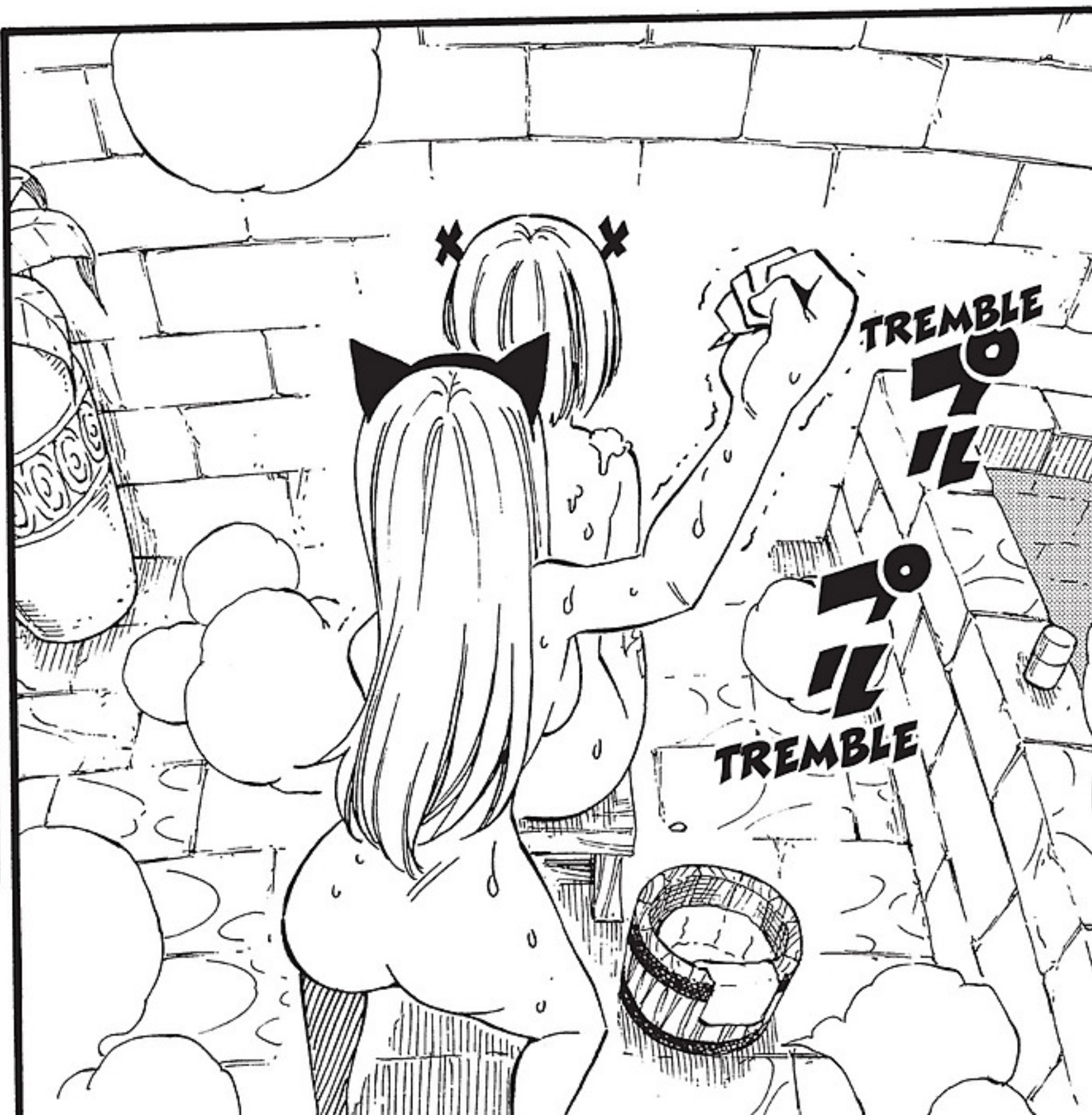
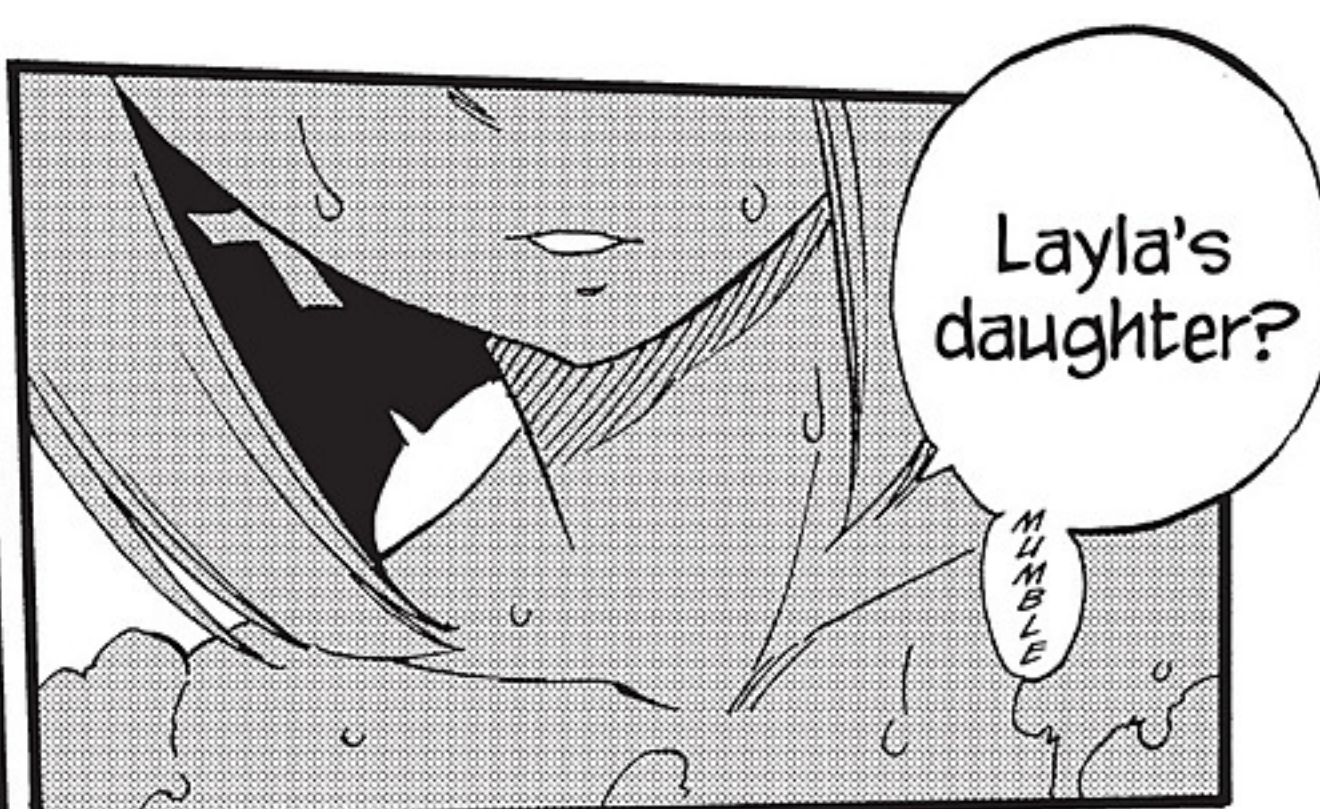
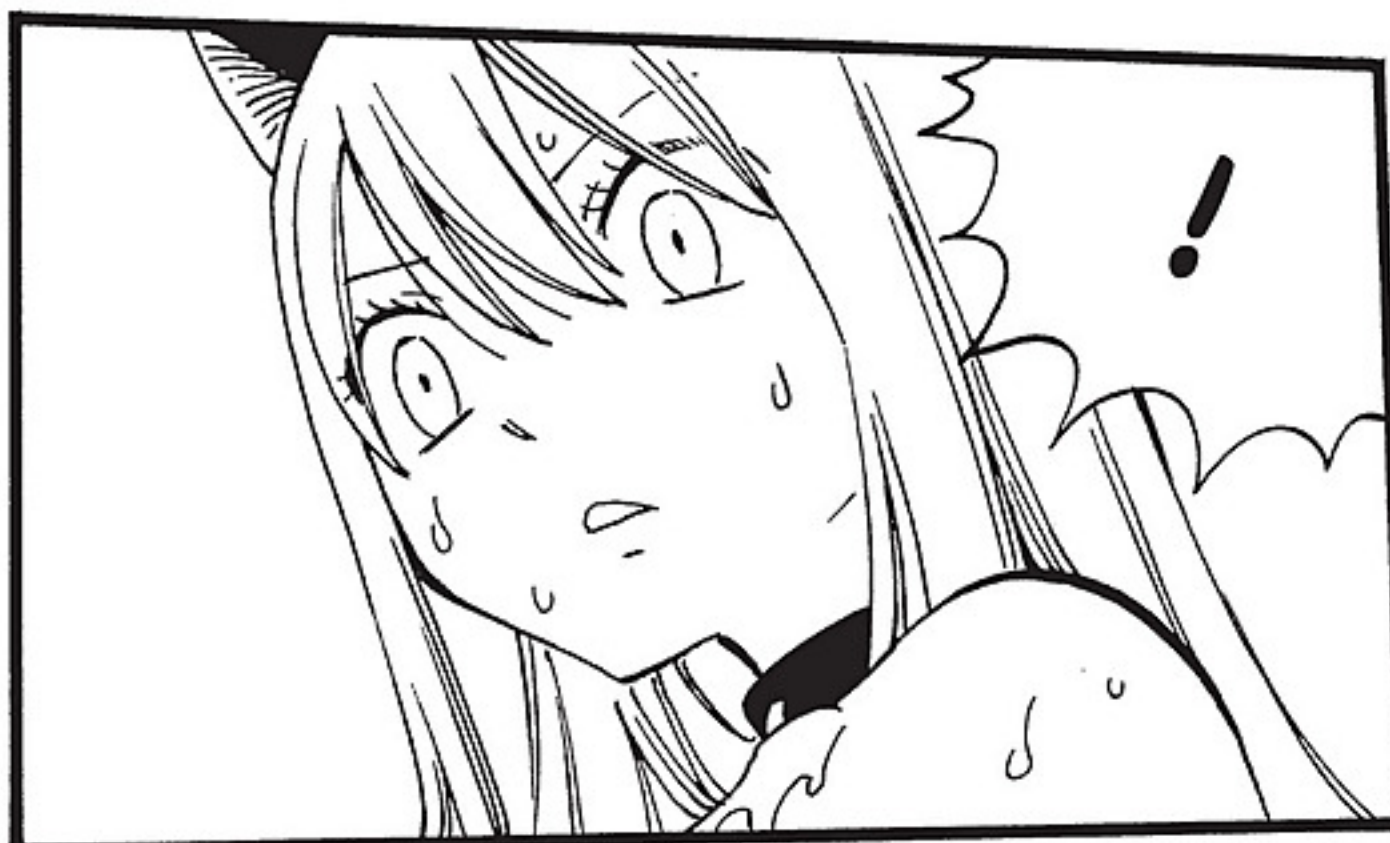
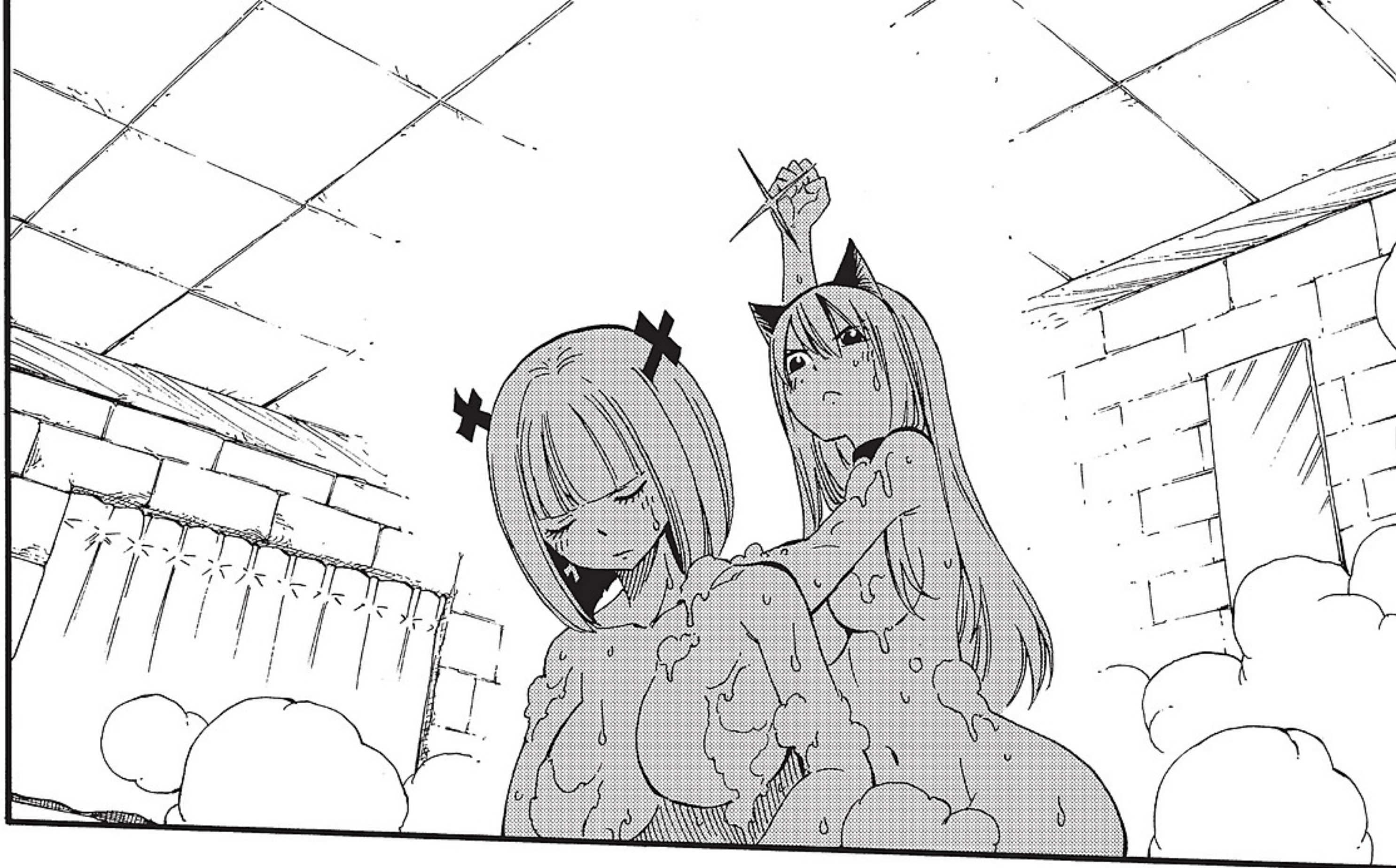


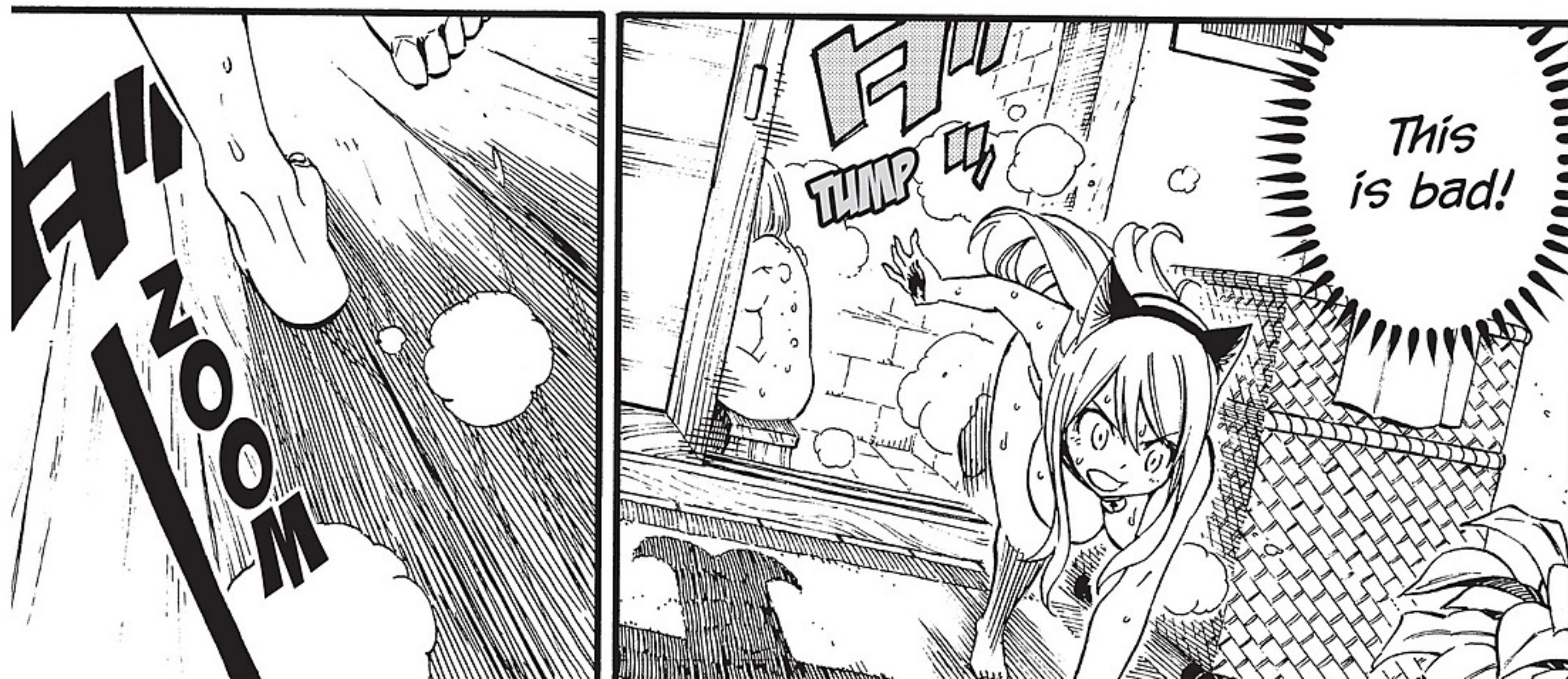
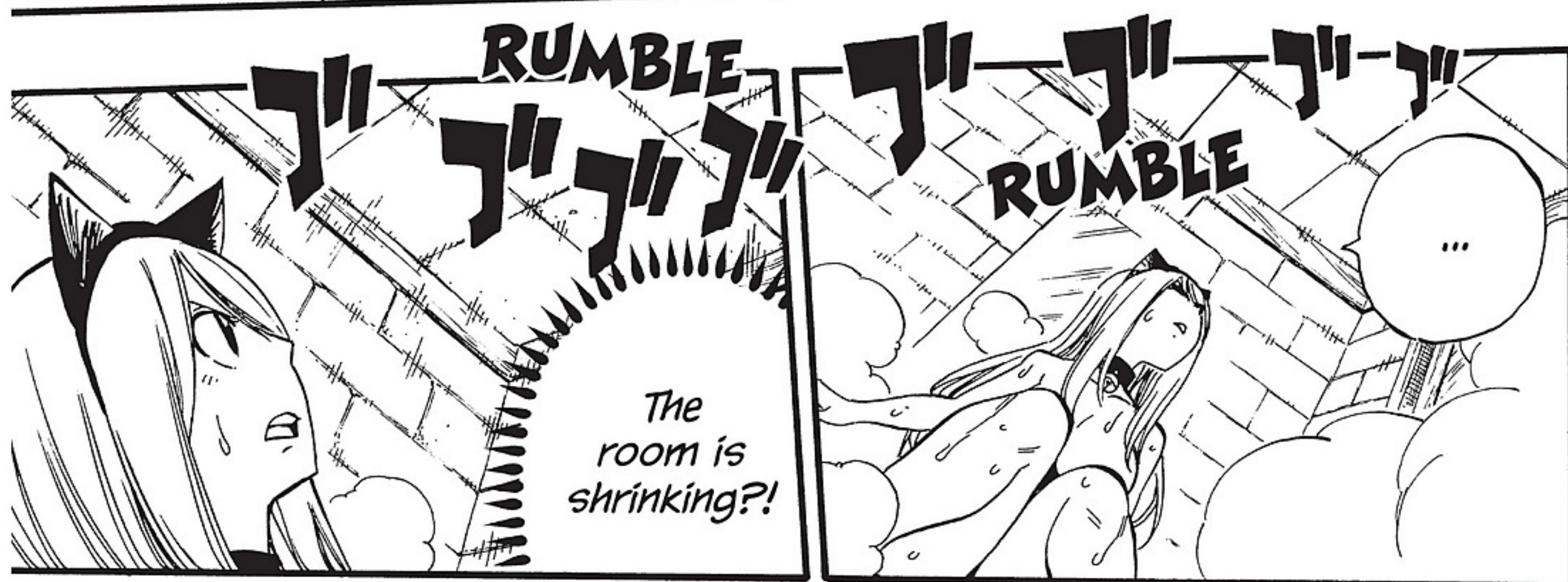
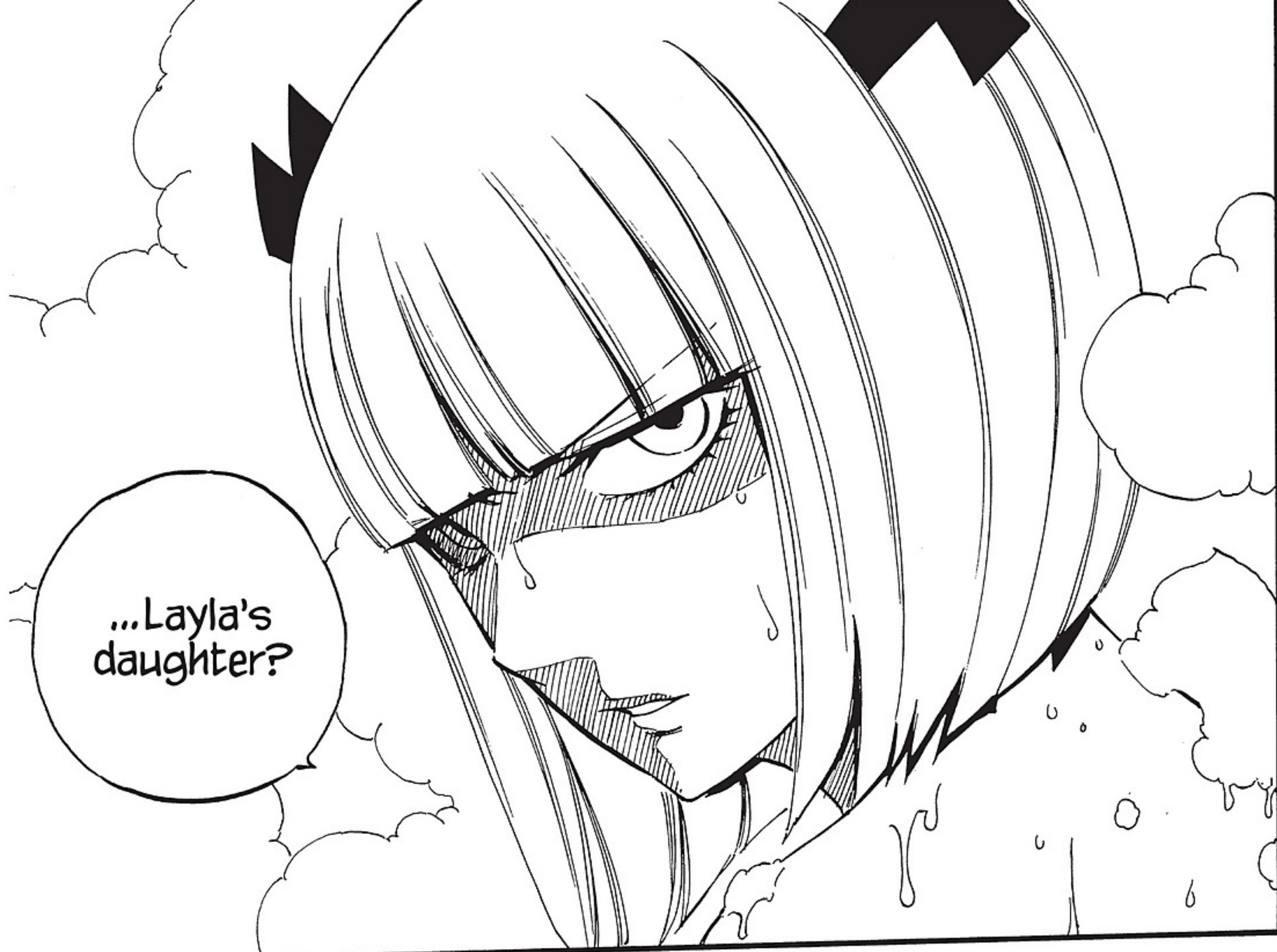


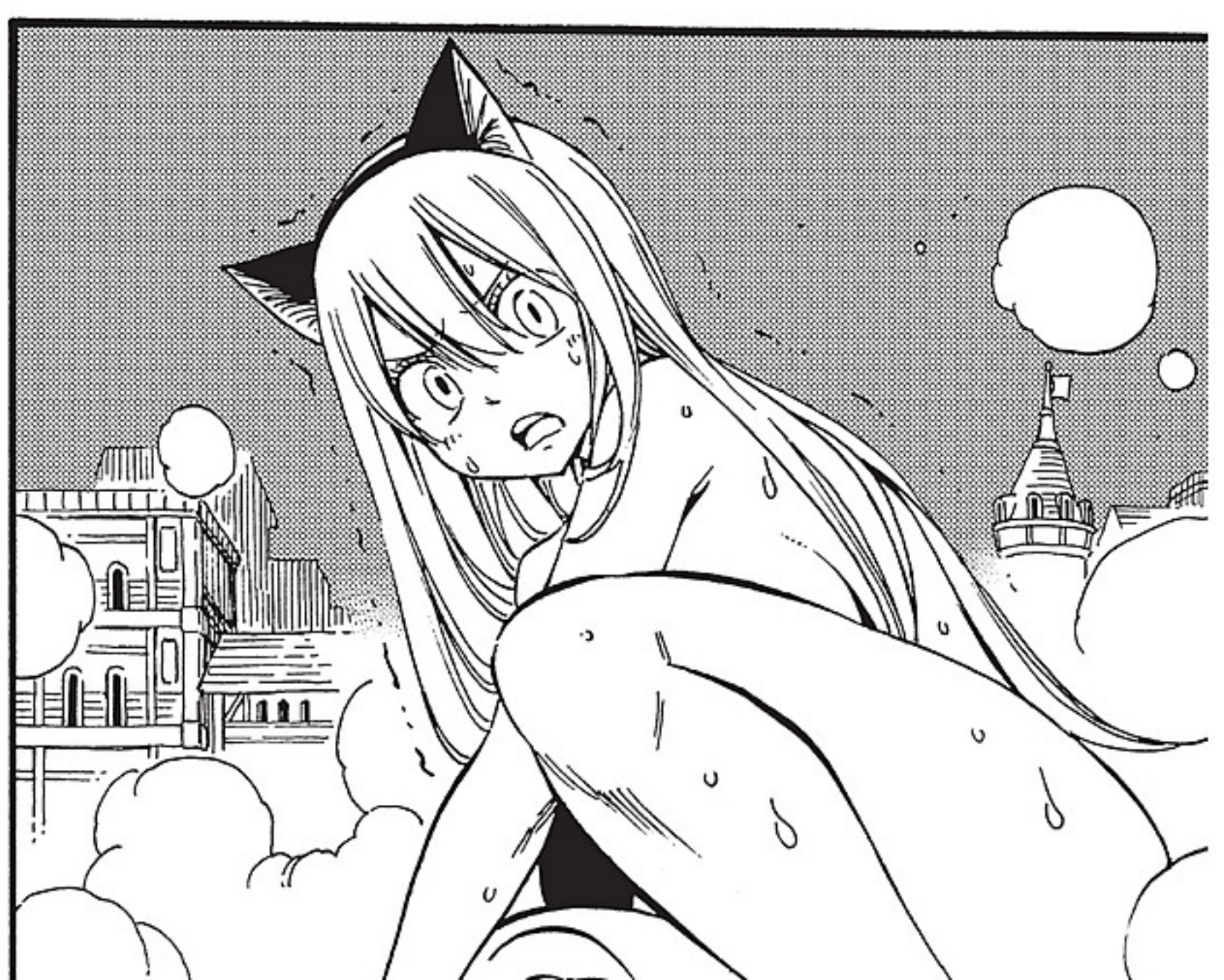
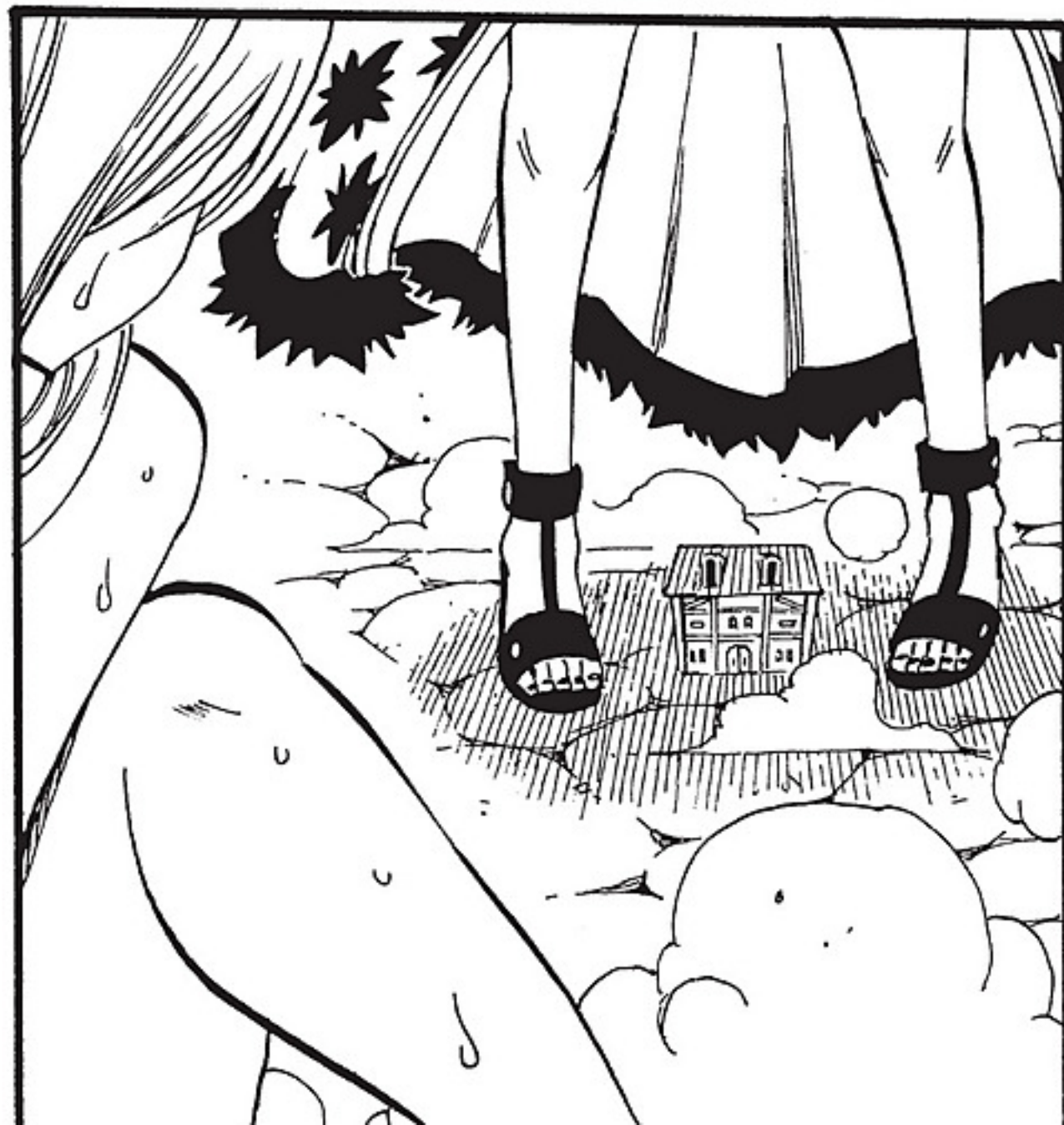
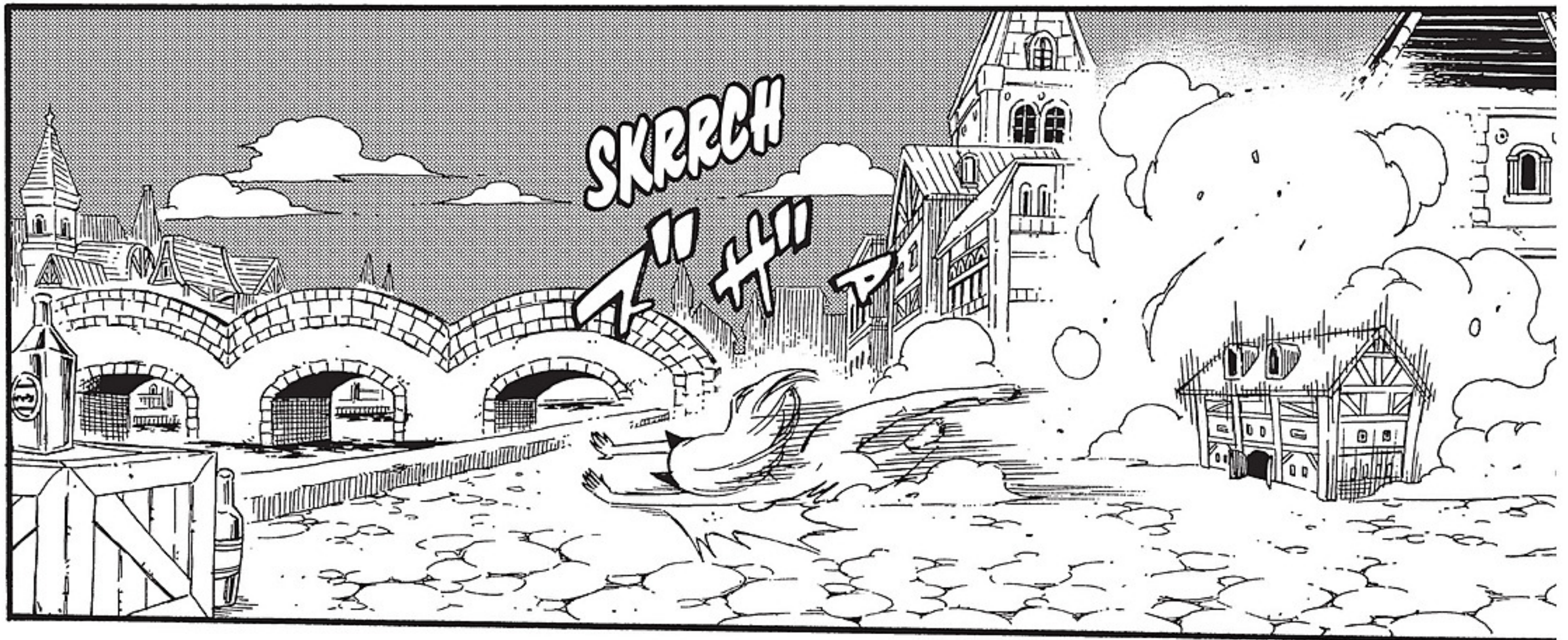
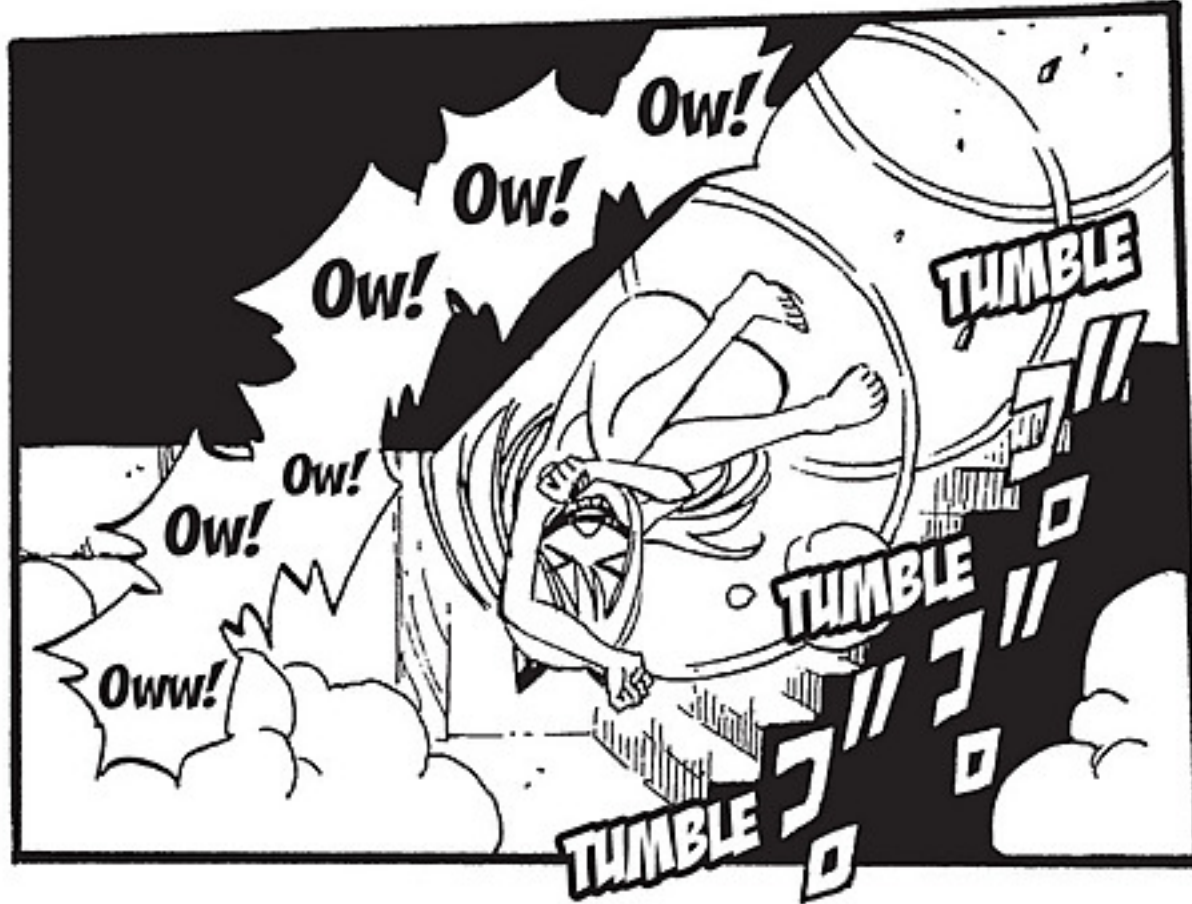






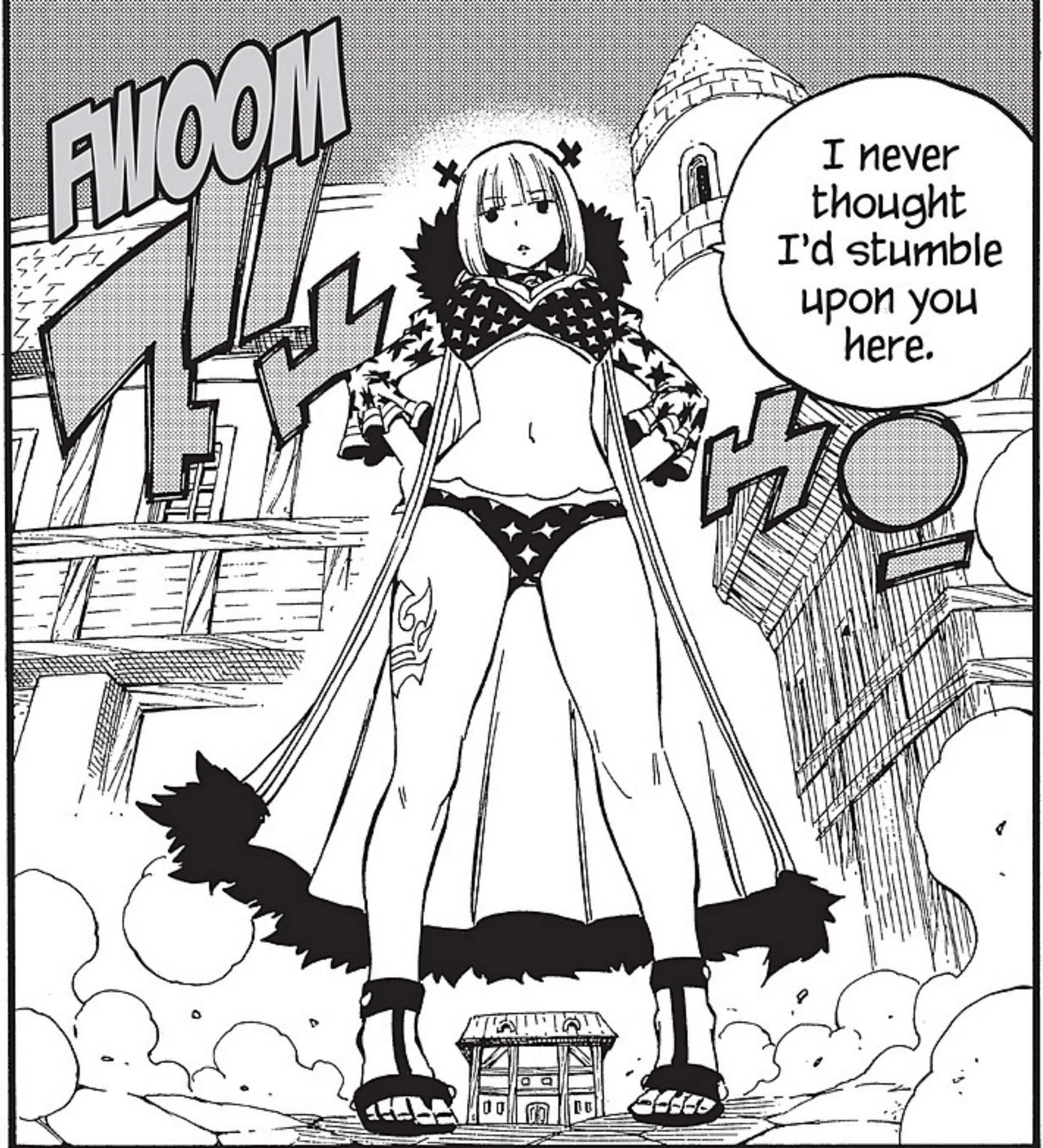
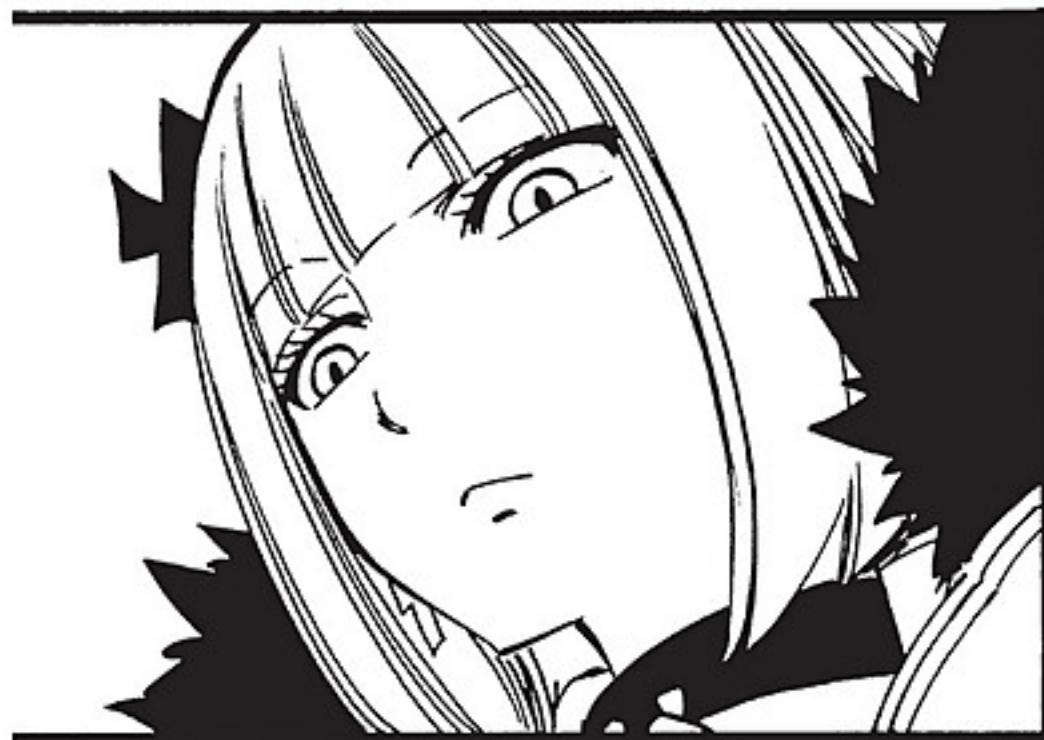




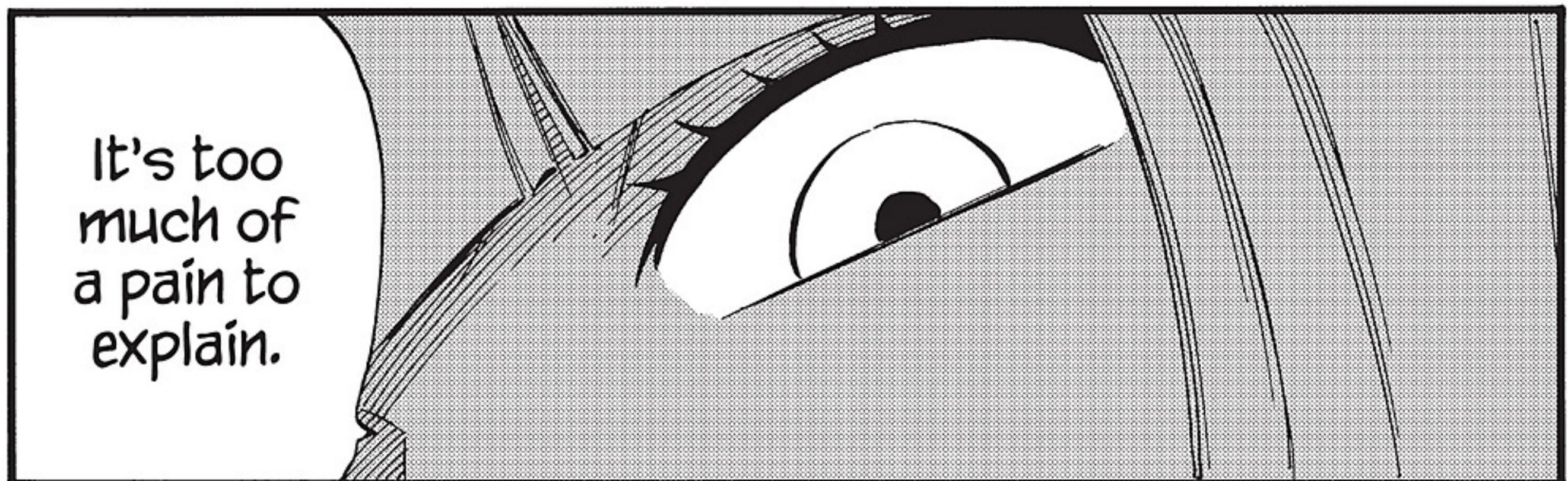




What did
my mother
ever do to
you?!



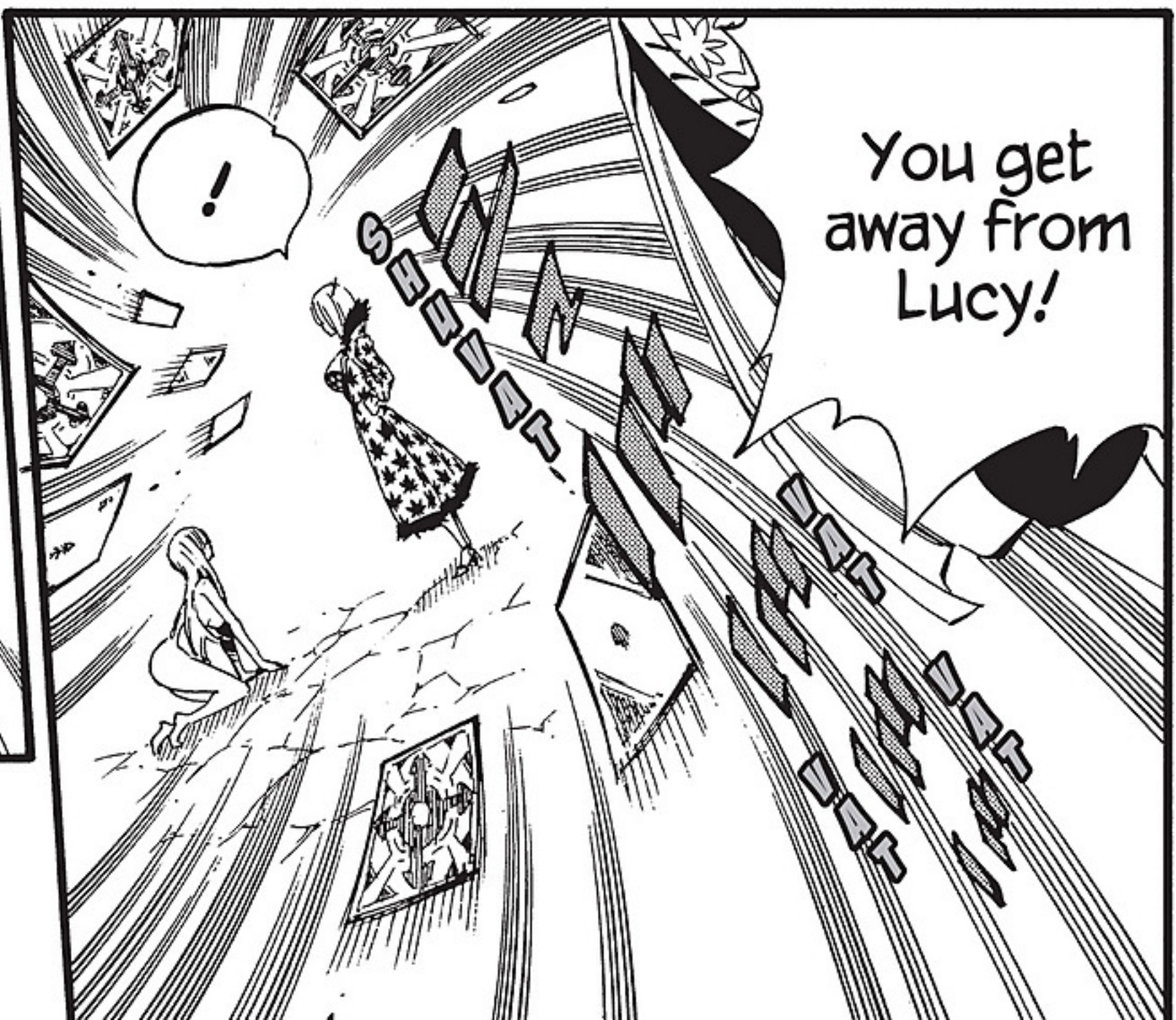
I never
thought
I'd stumble
upon you
here.



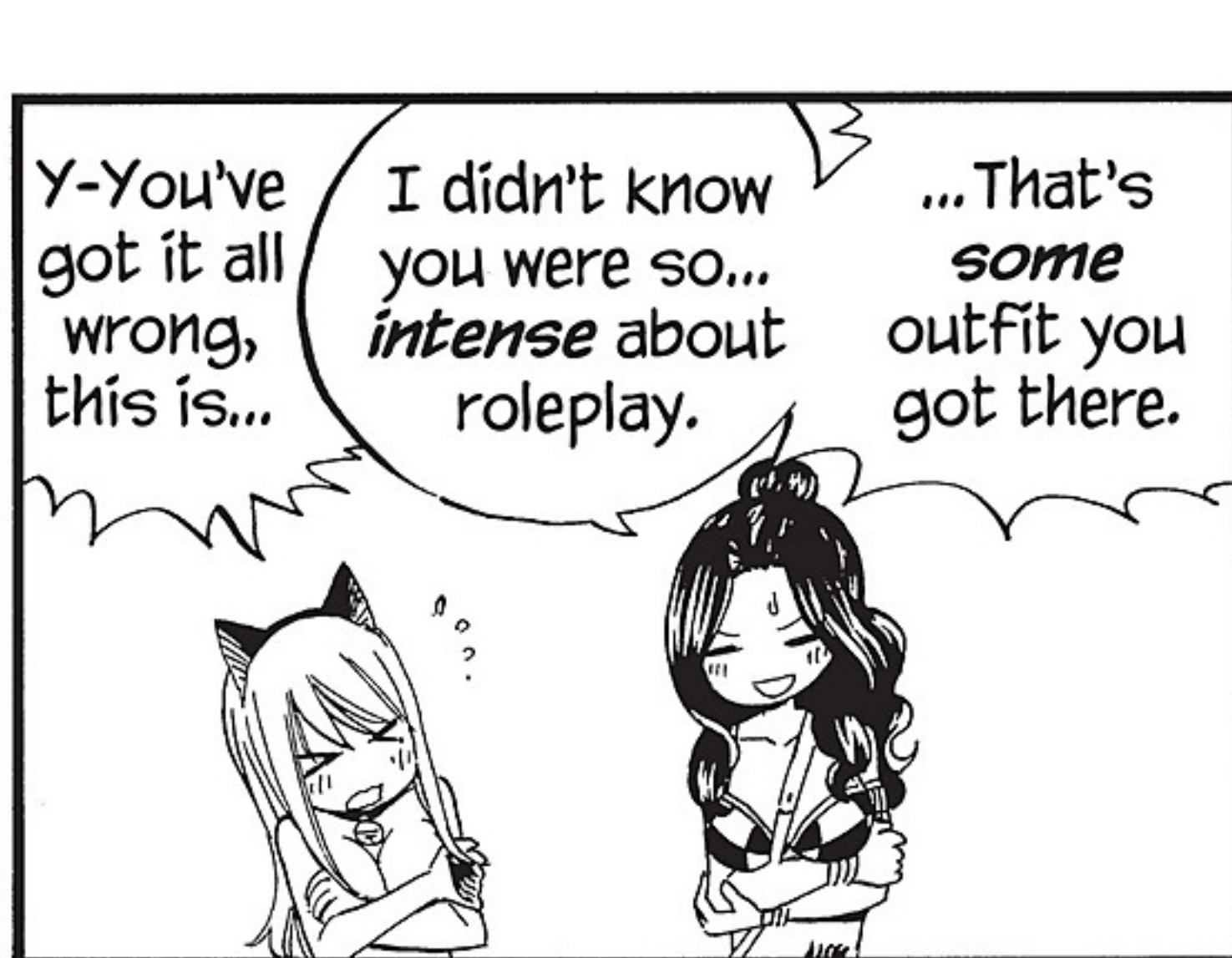
It's too
much of
a pain to
explain.

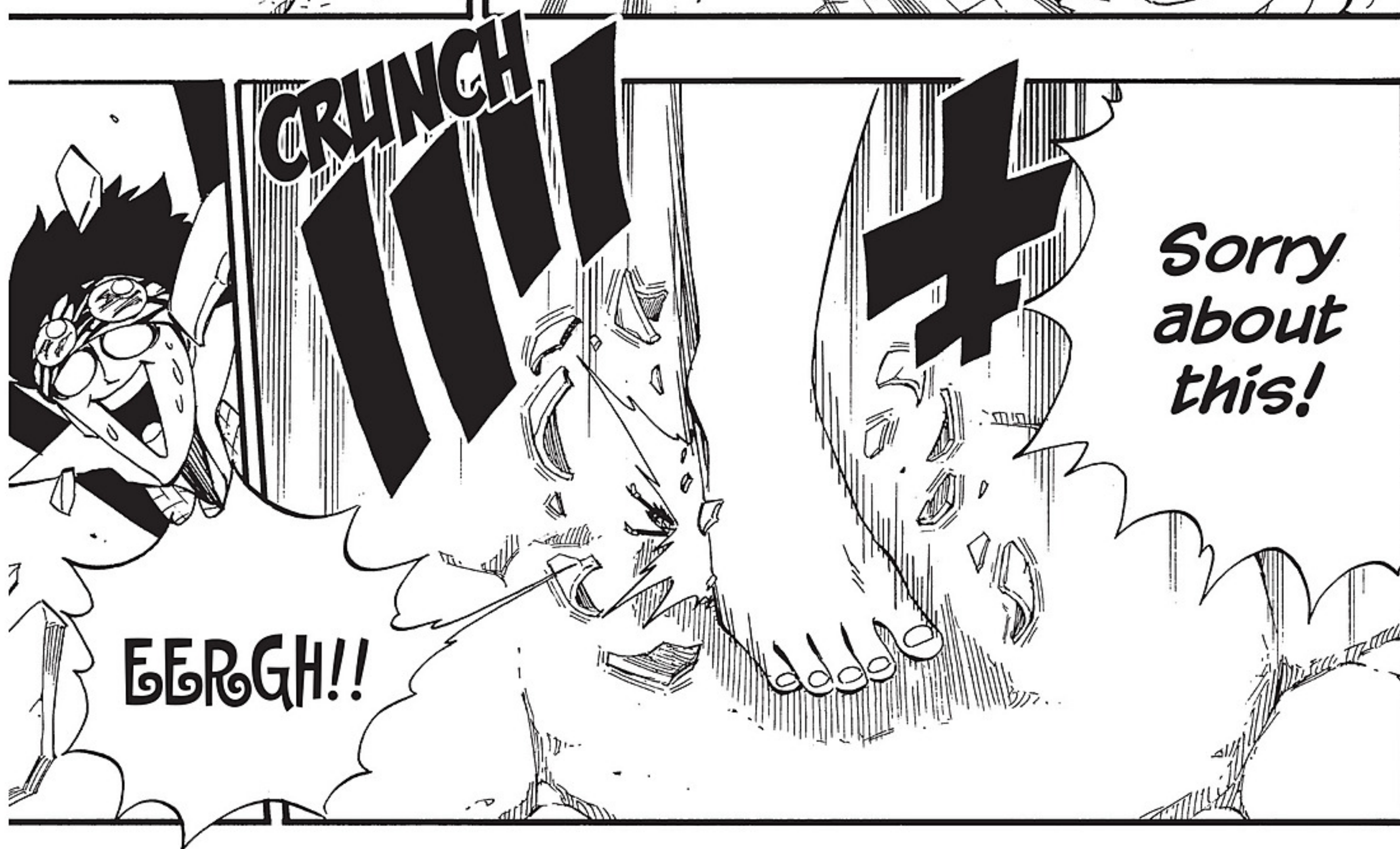
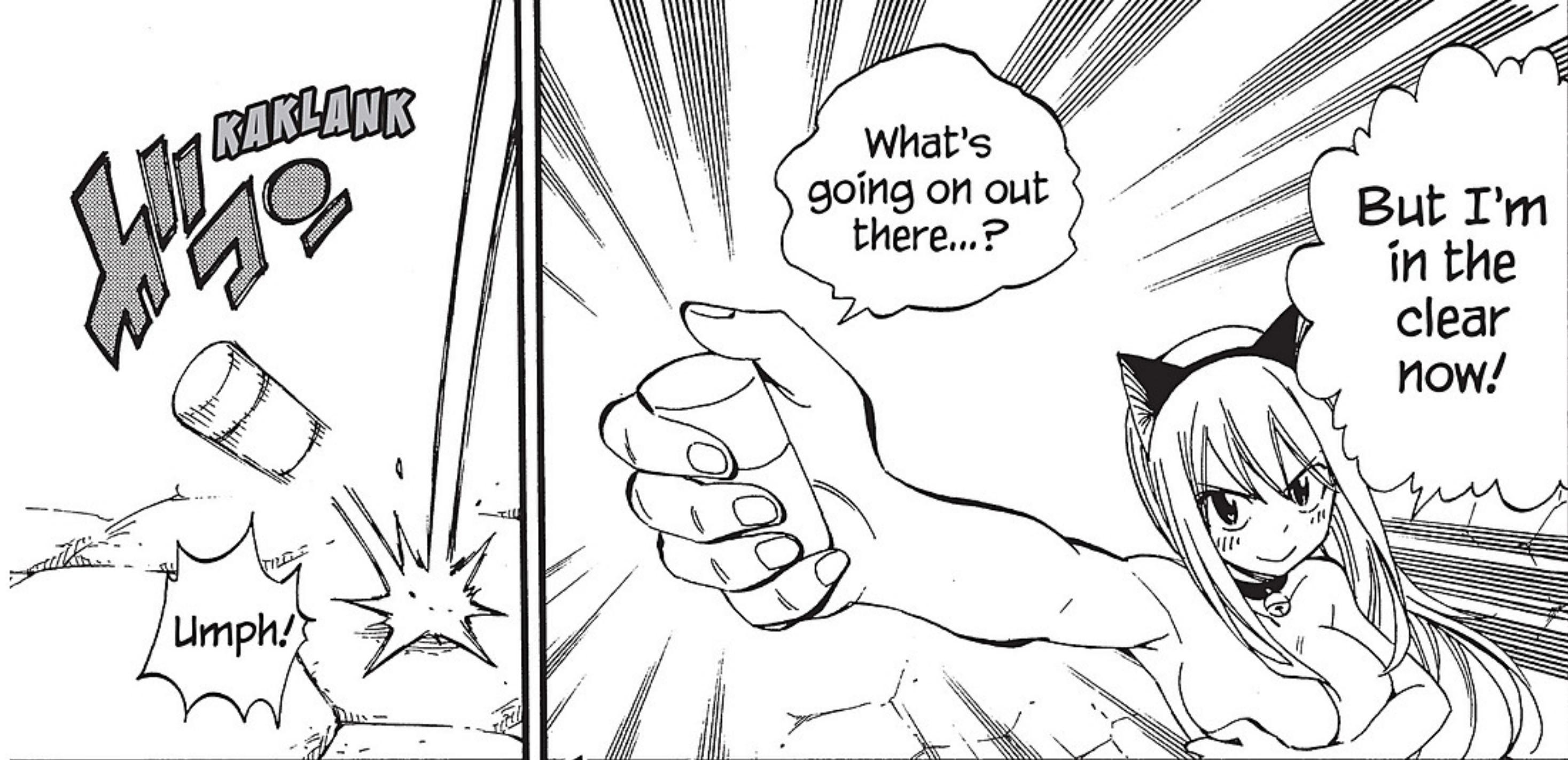


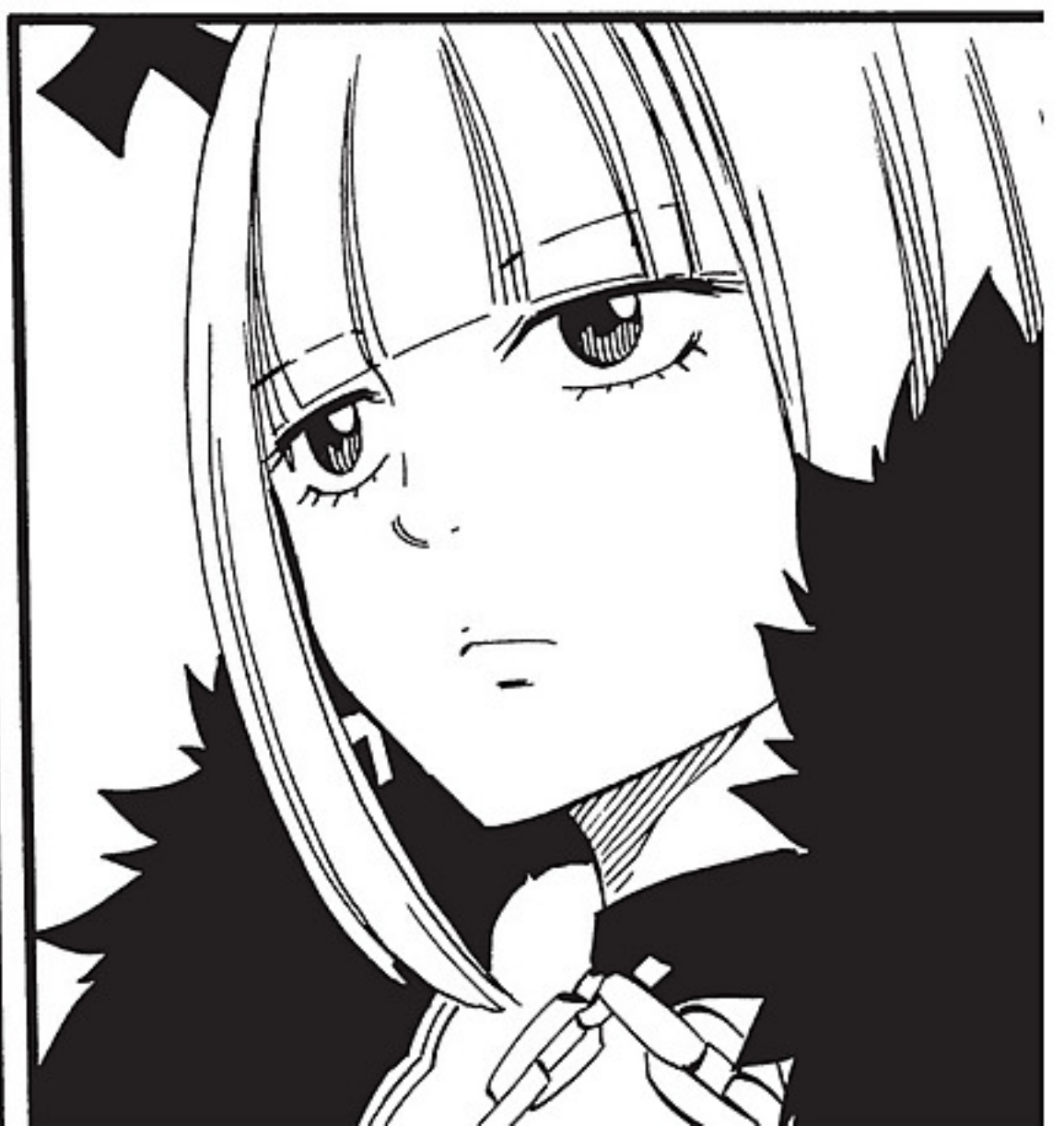
FW
PAP

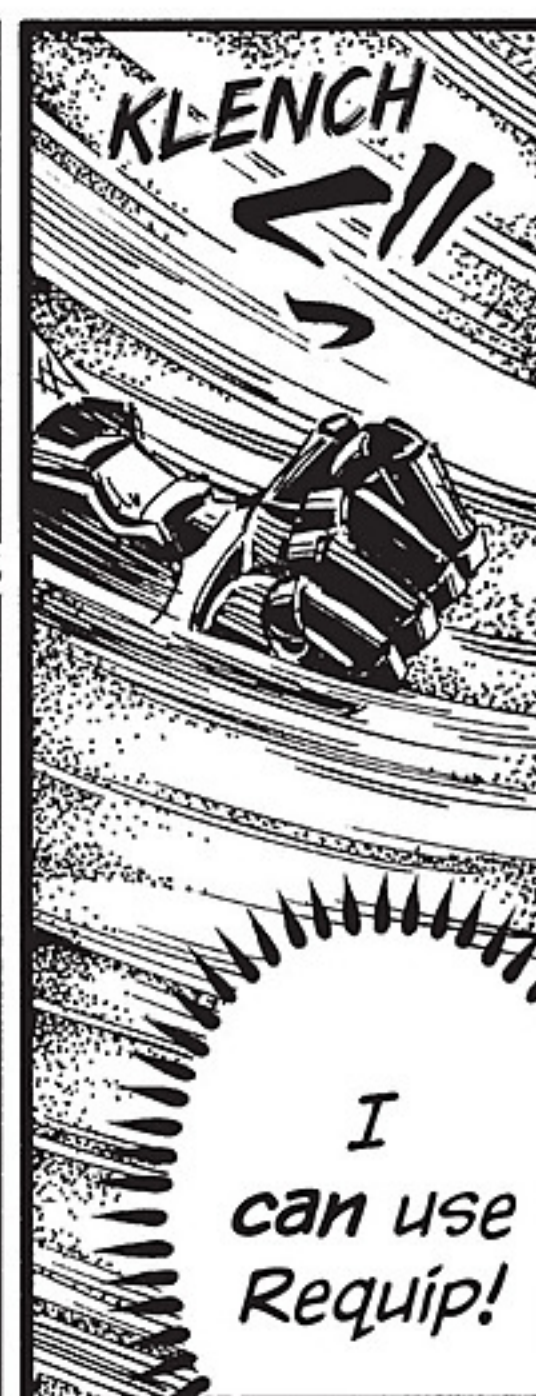
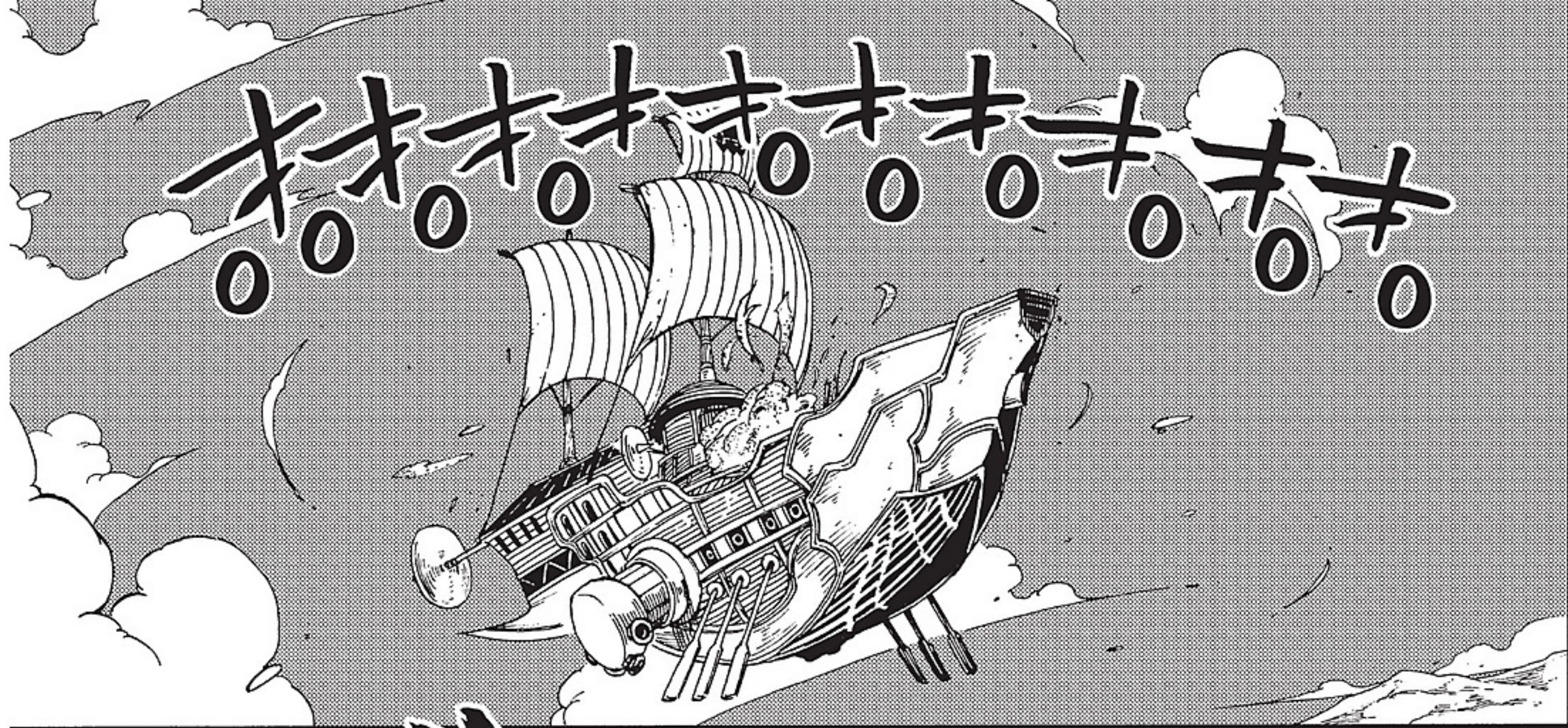


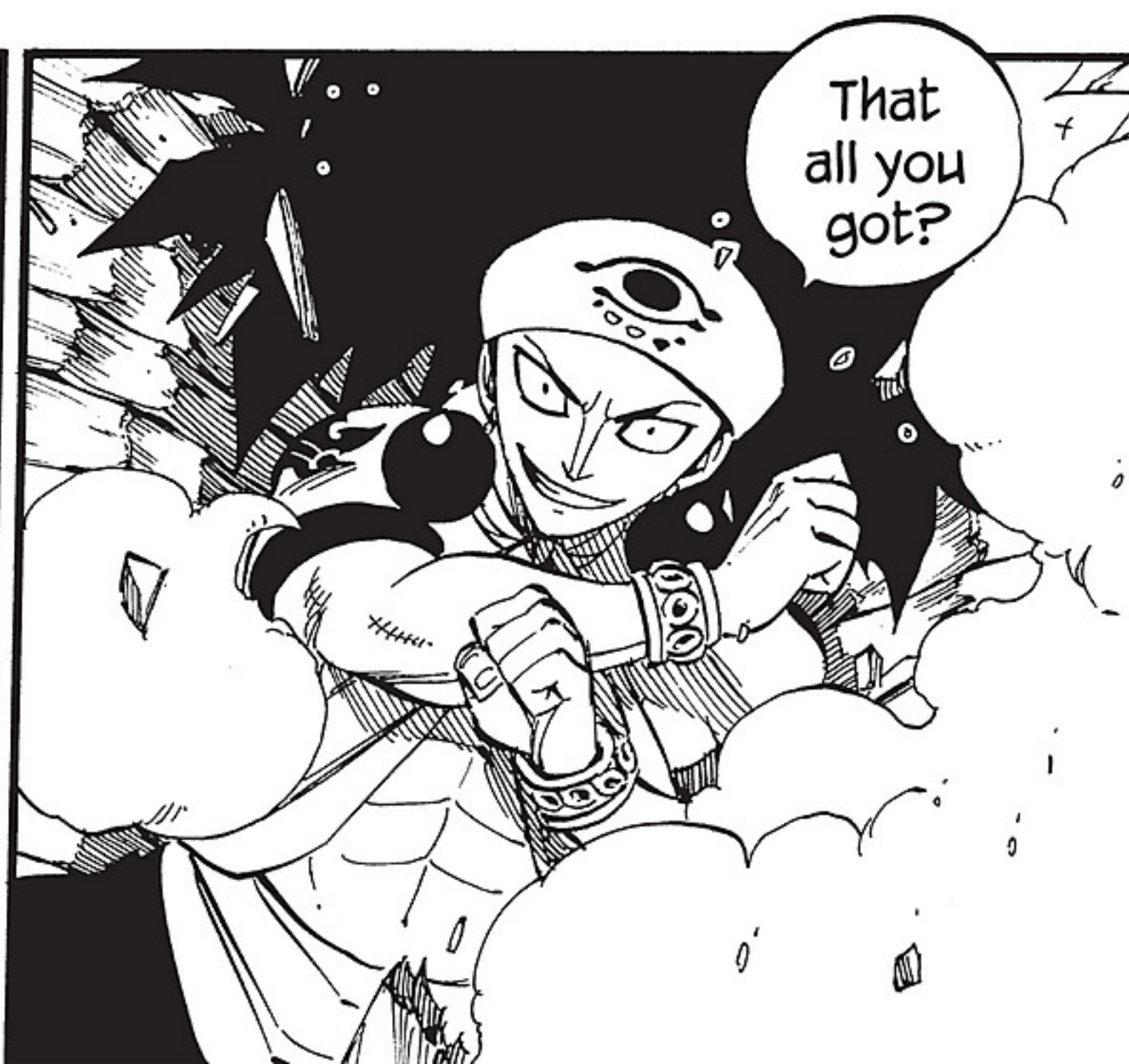
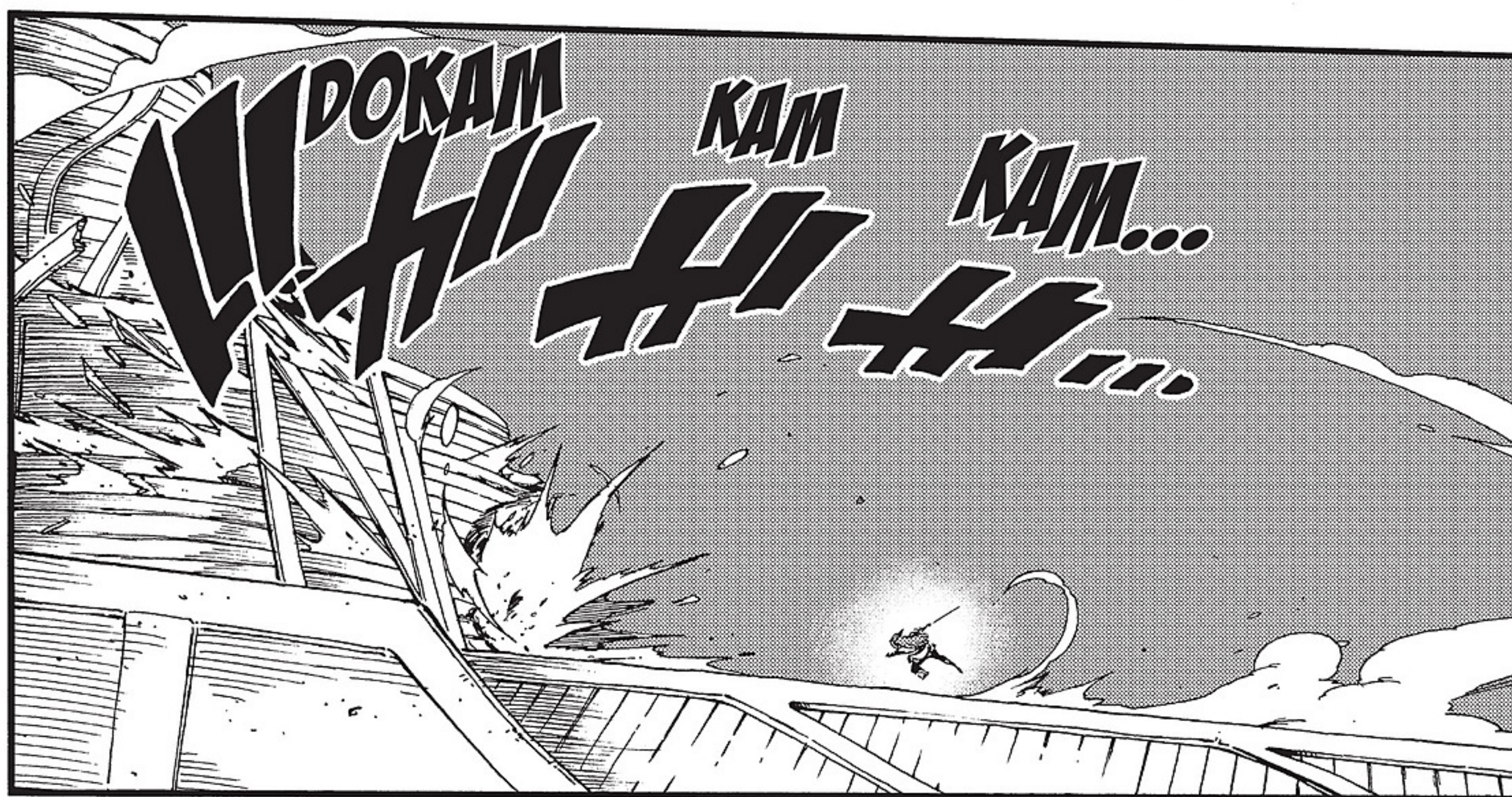
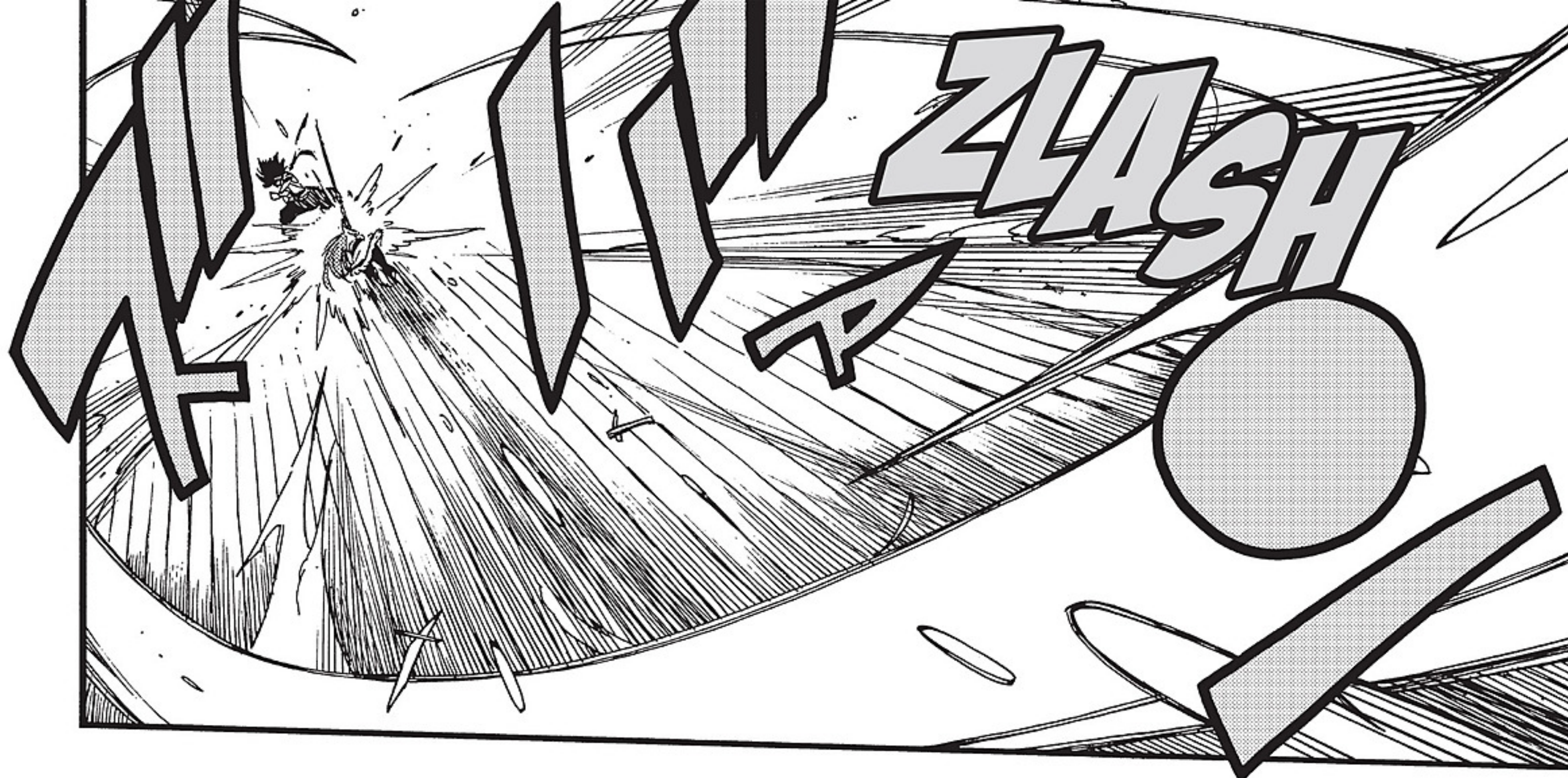
You get
away from
Lucy!

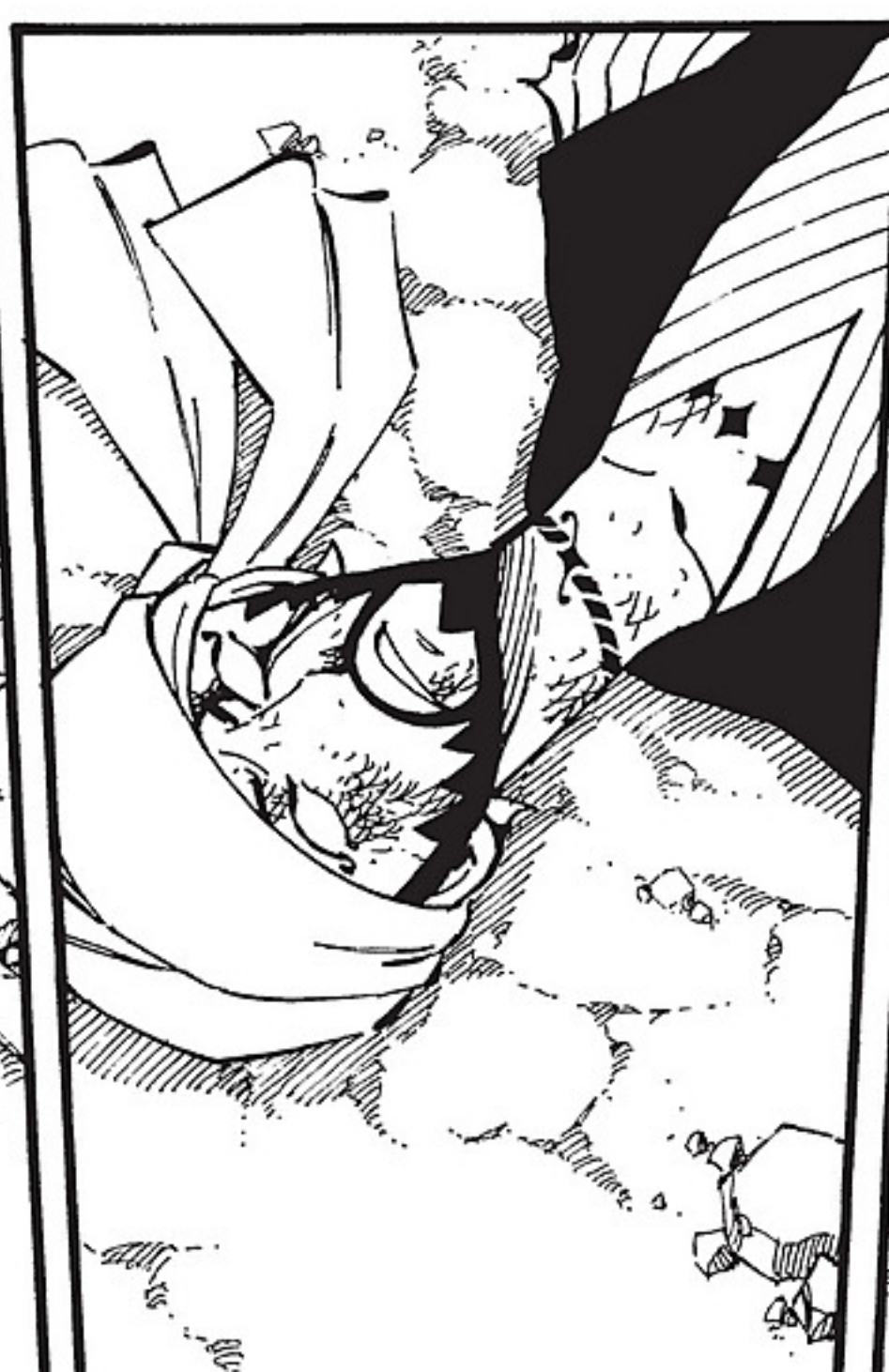


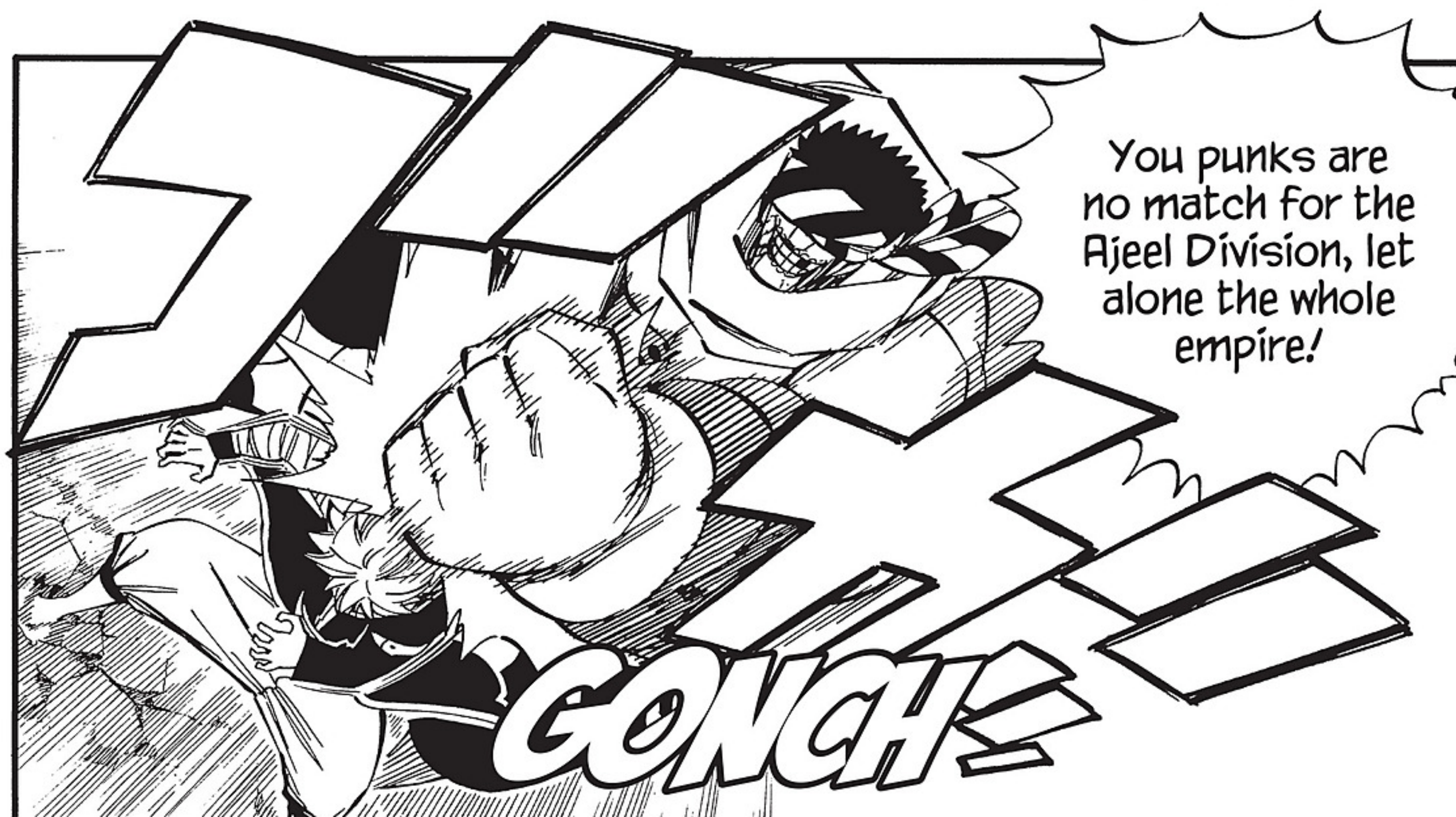
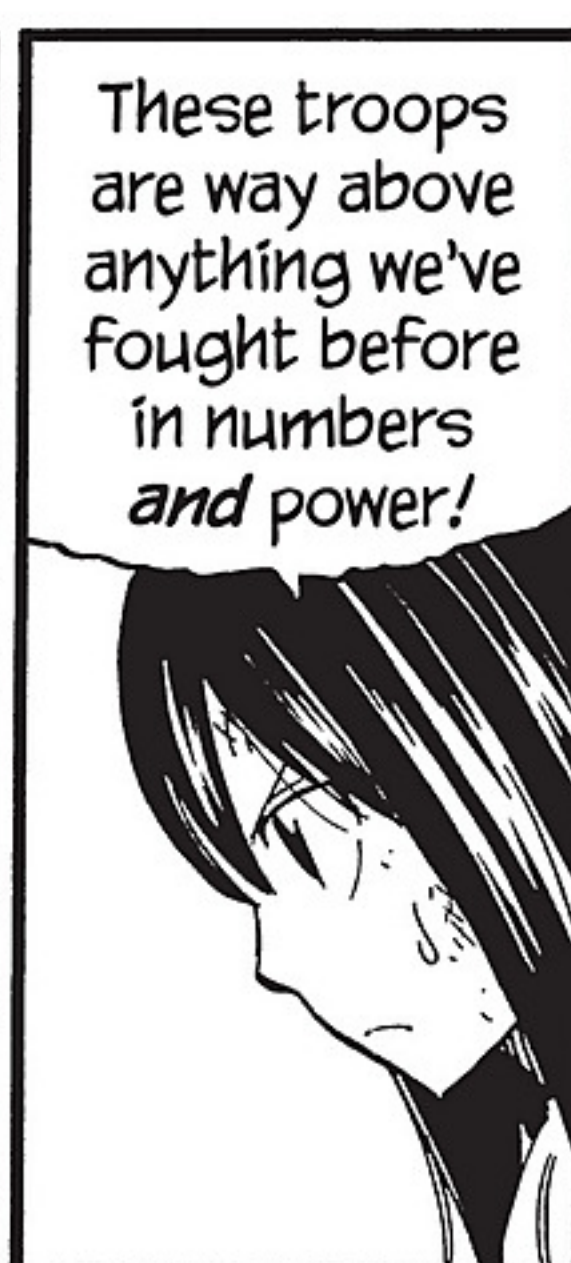
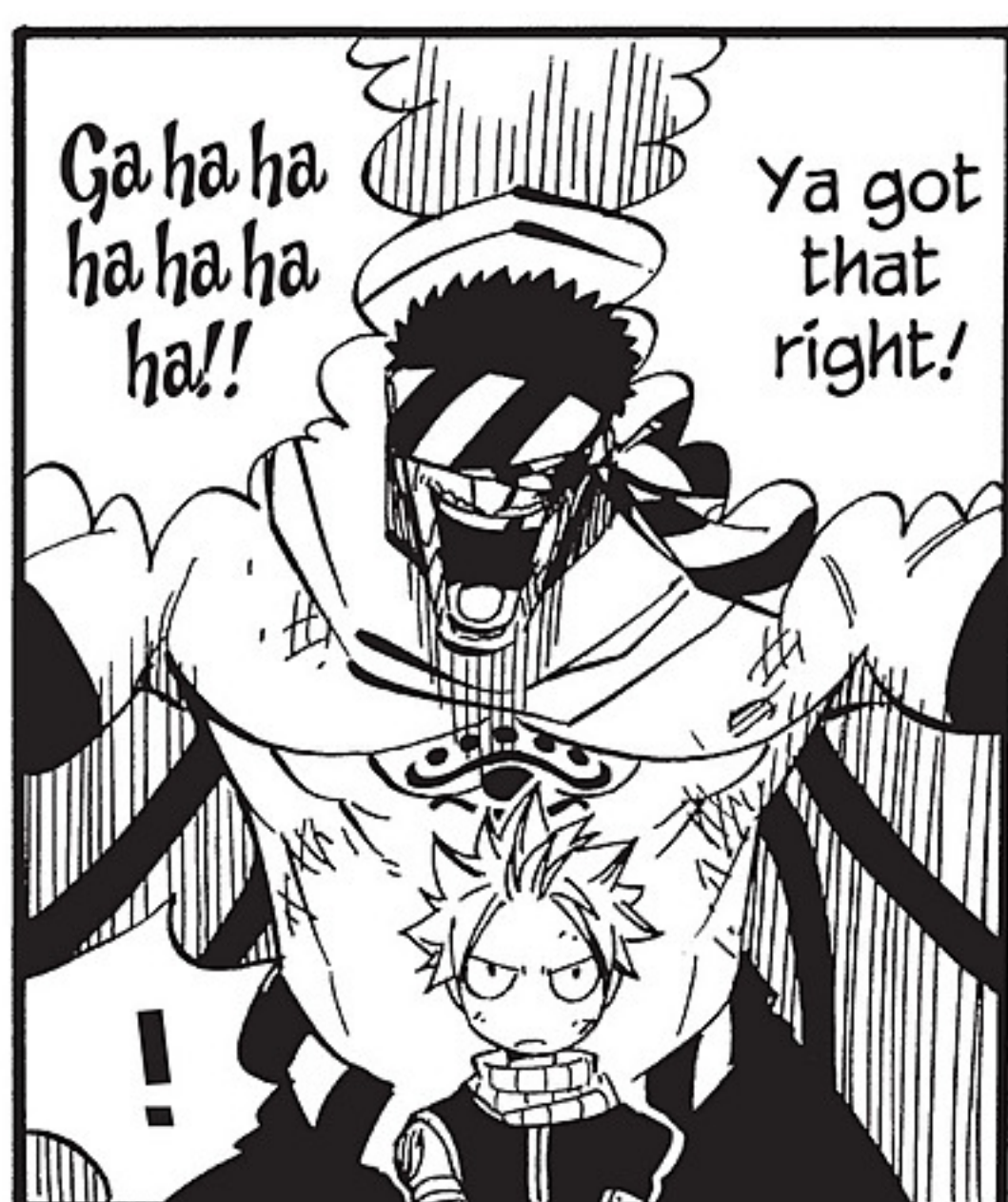




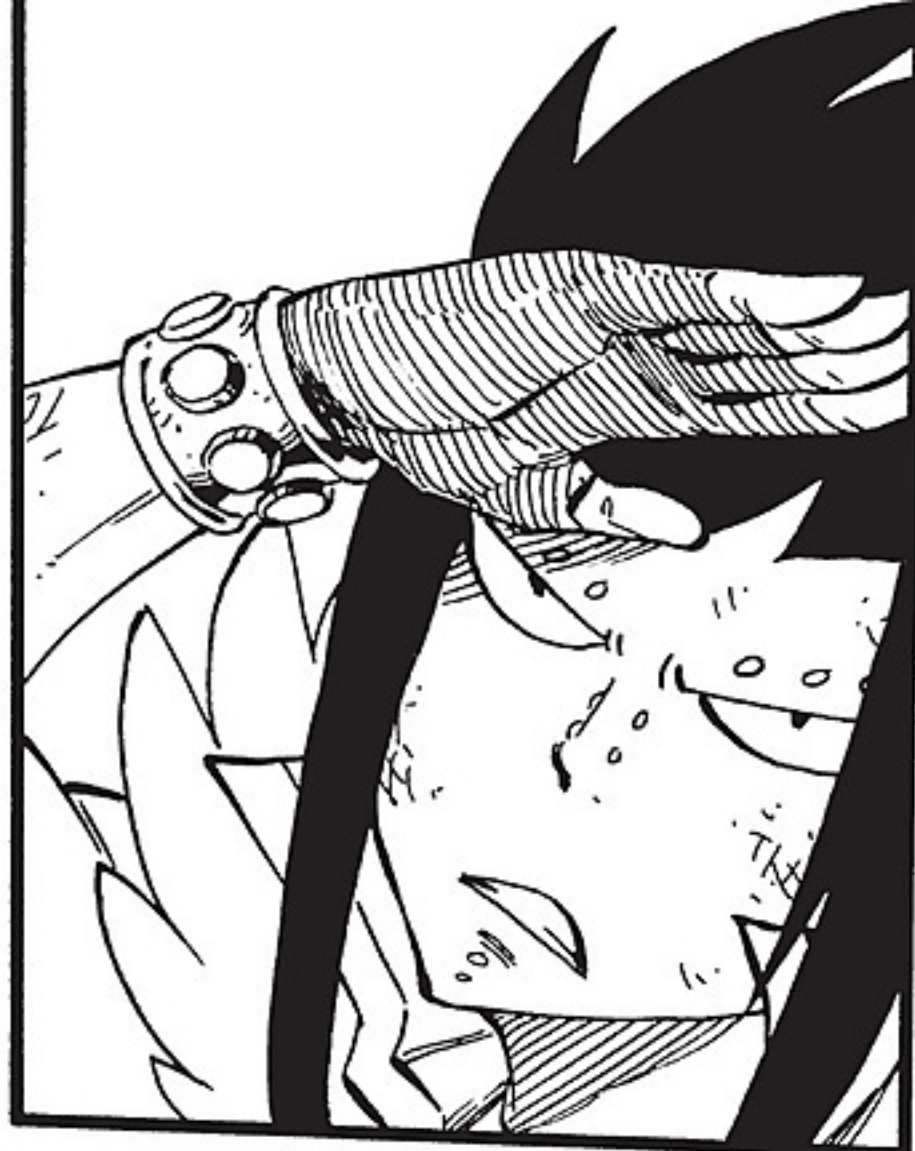


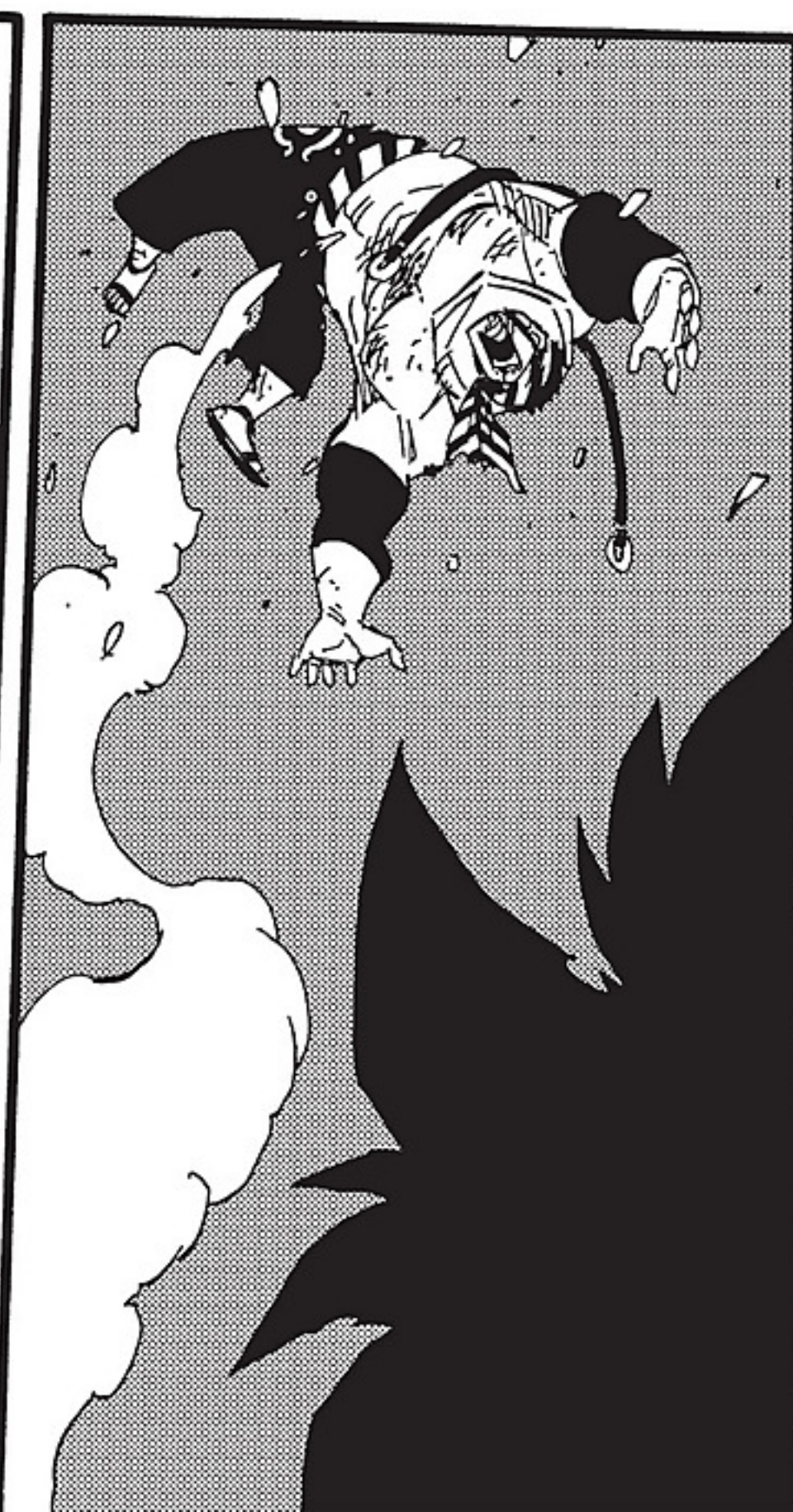
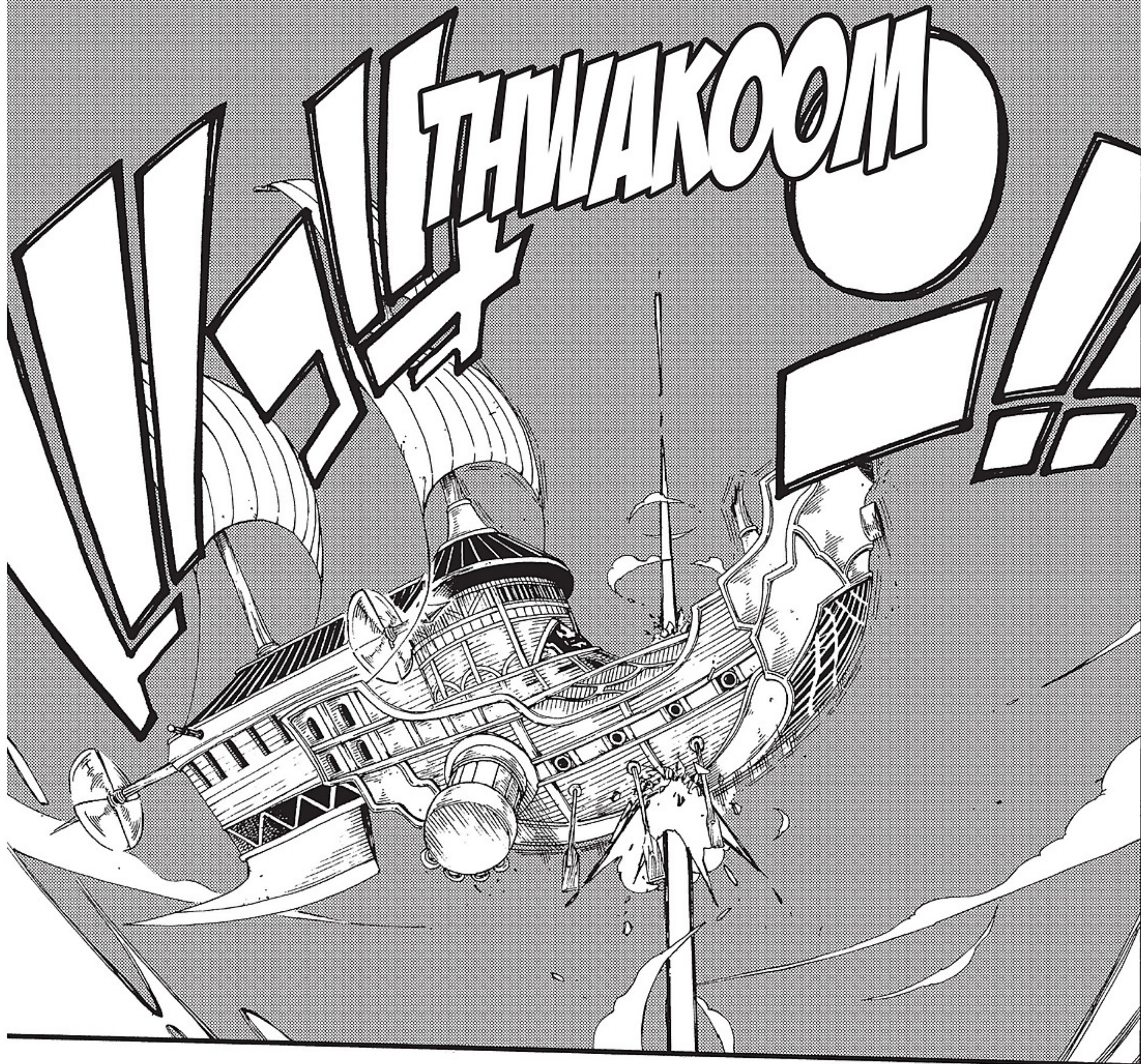


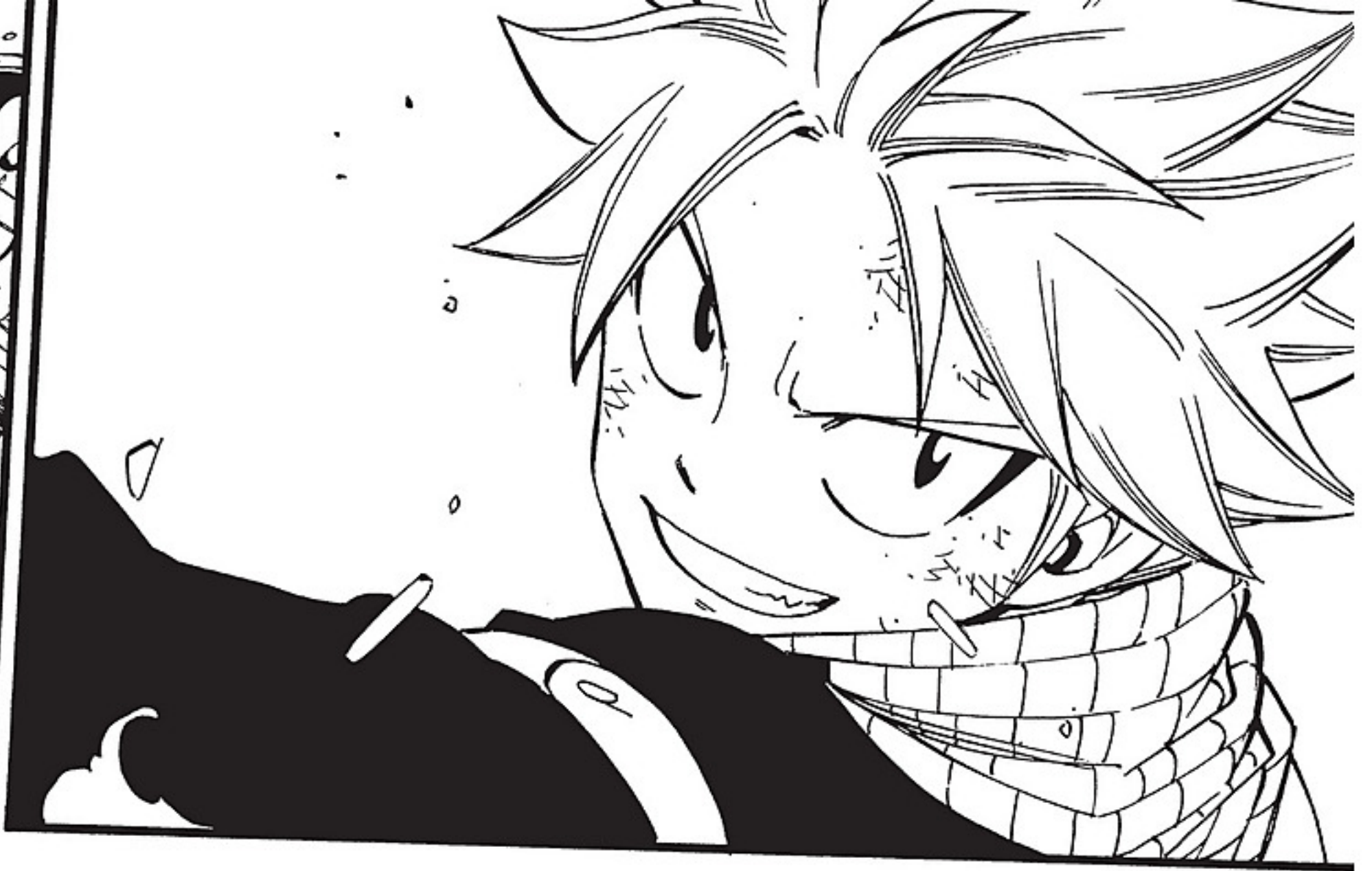








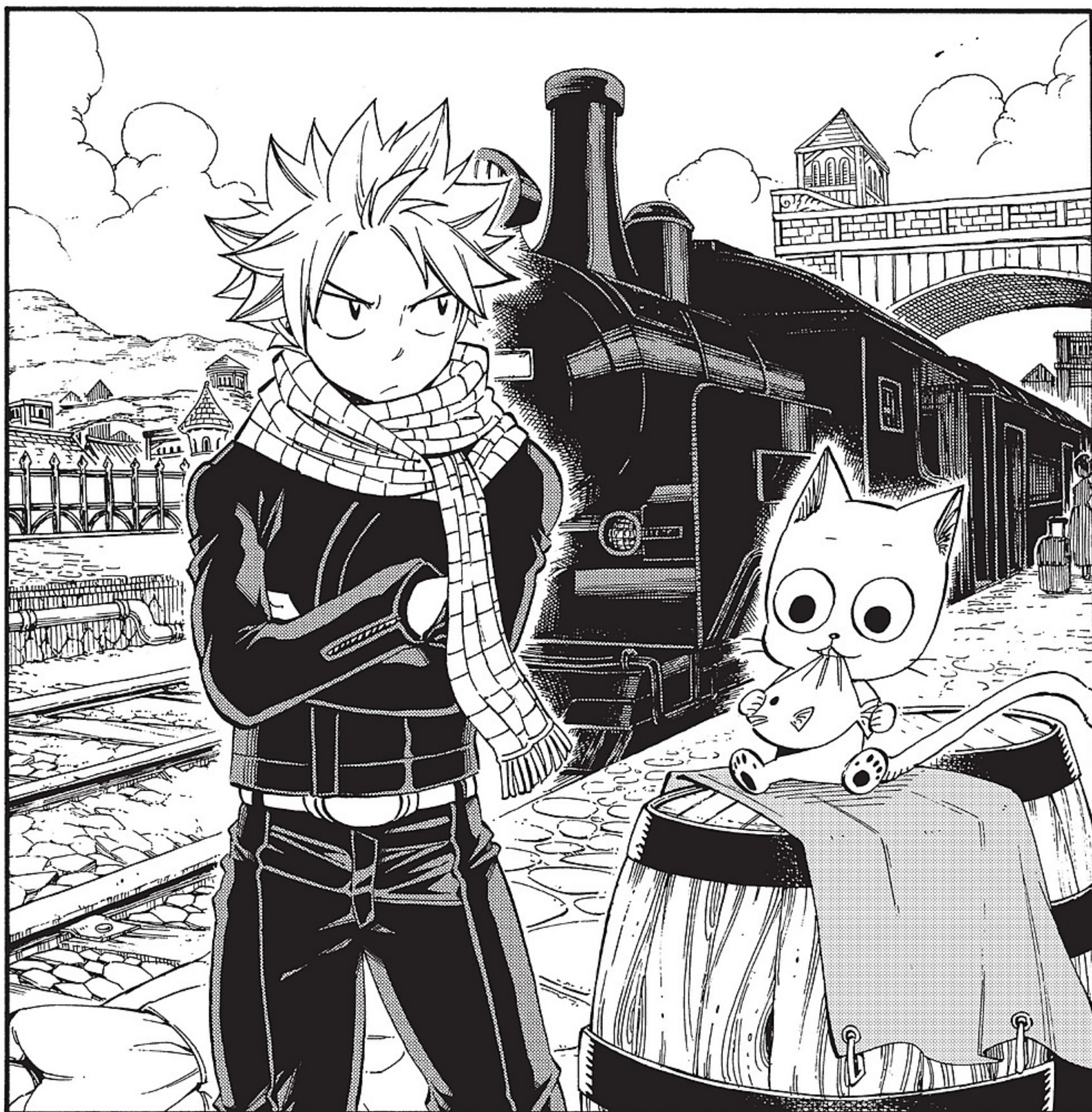


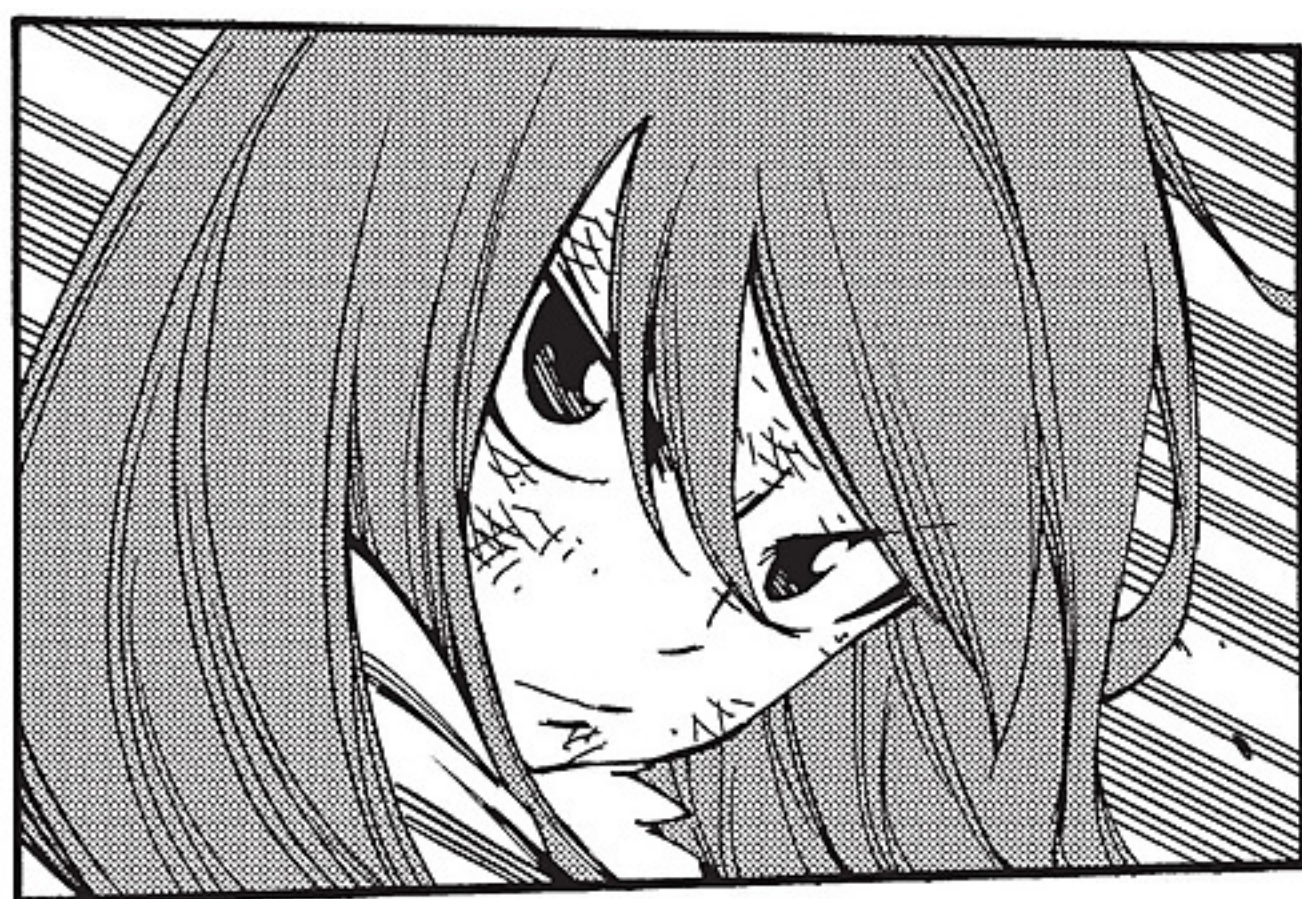
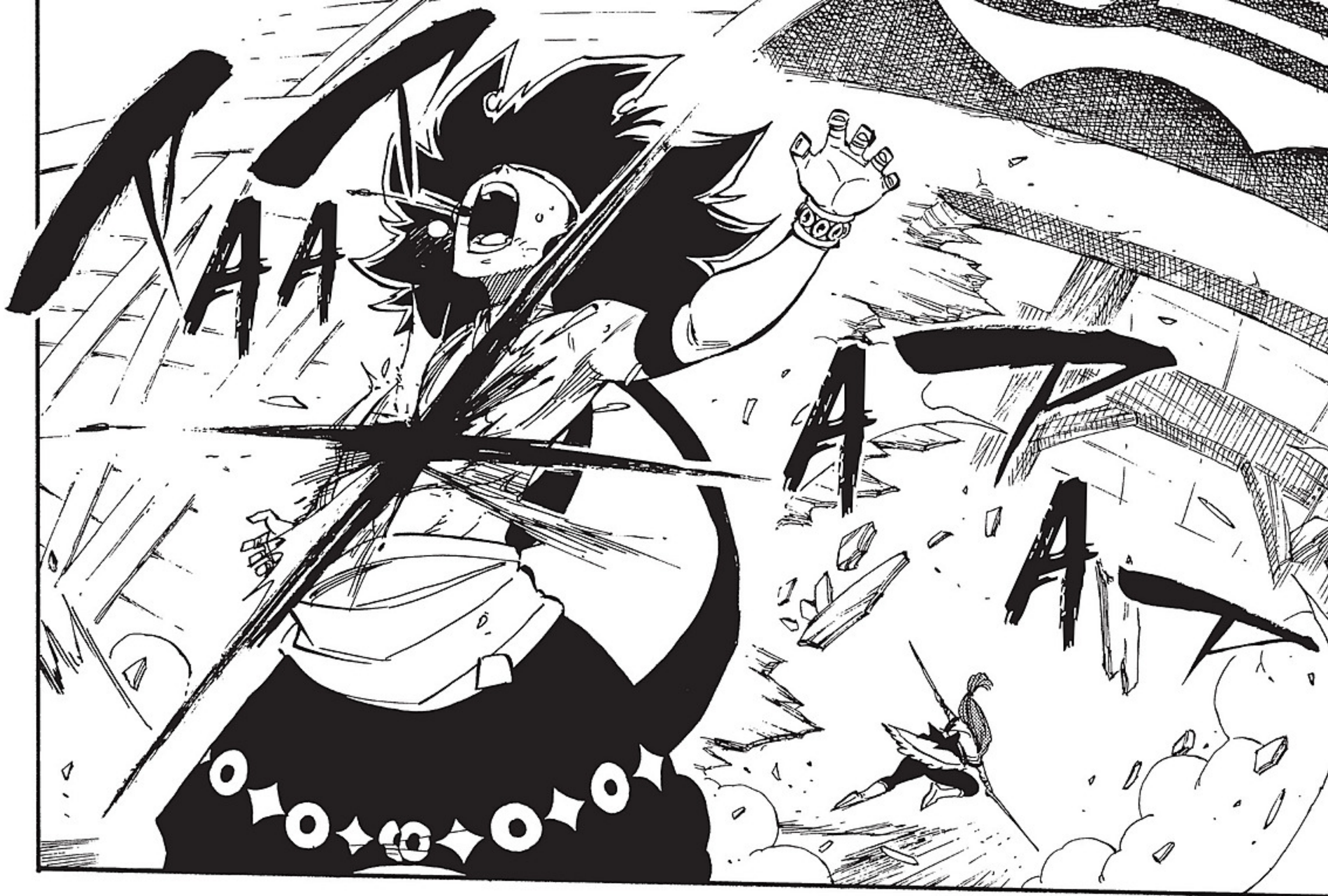


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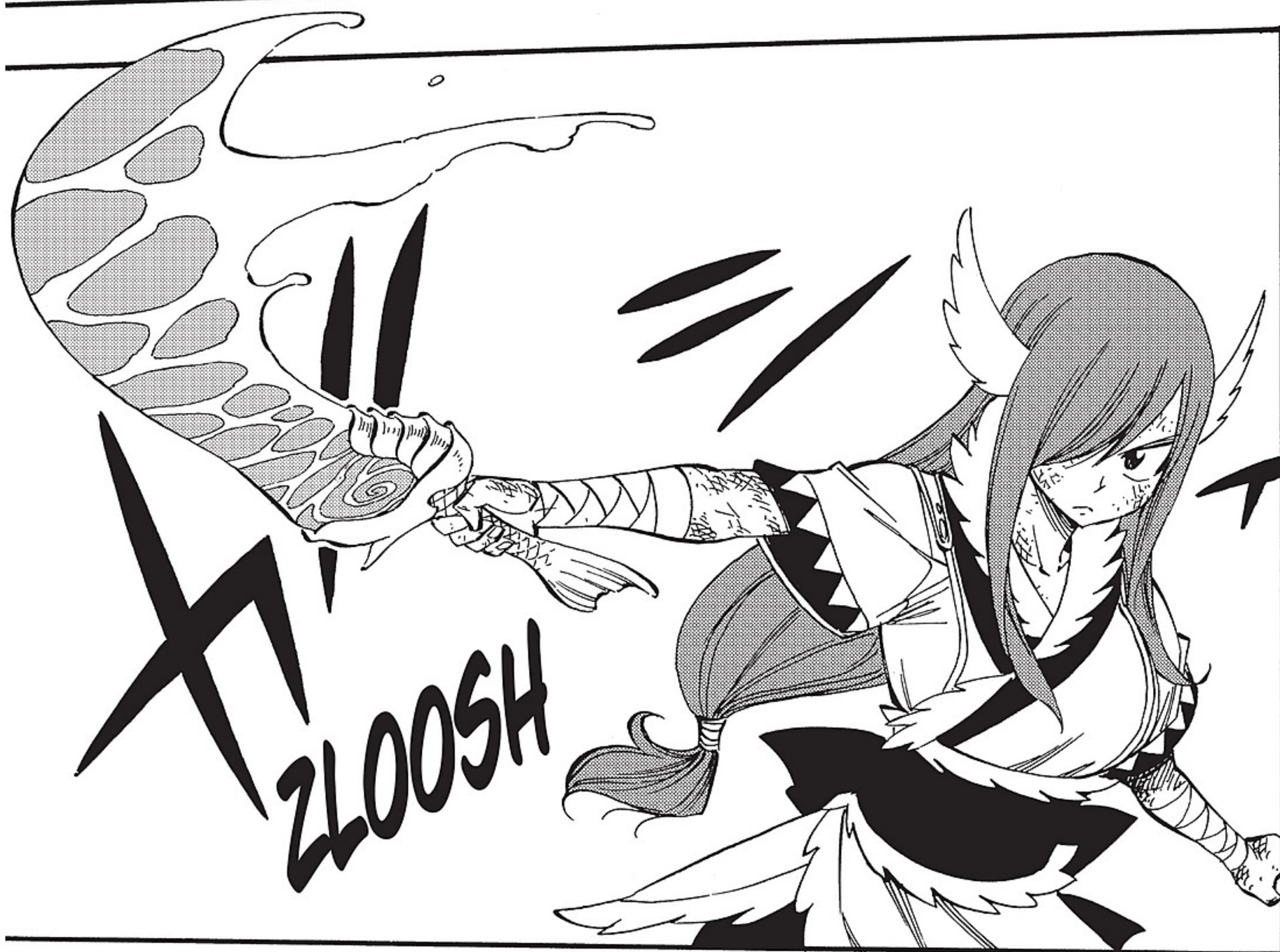




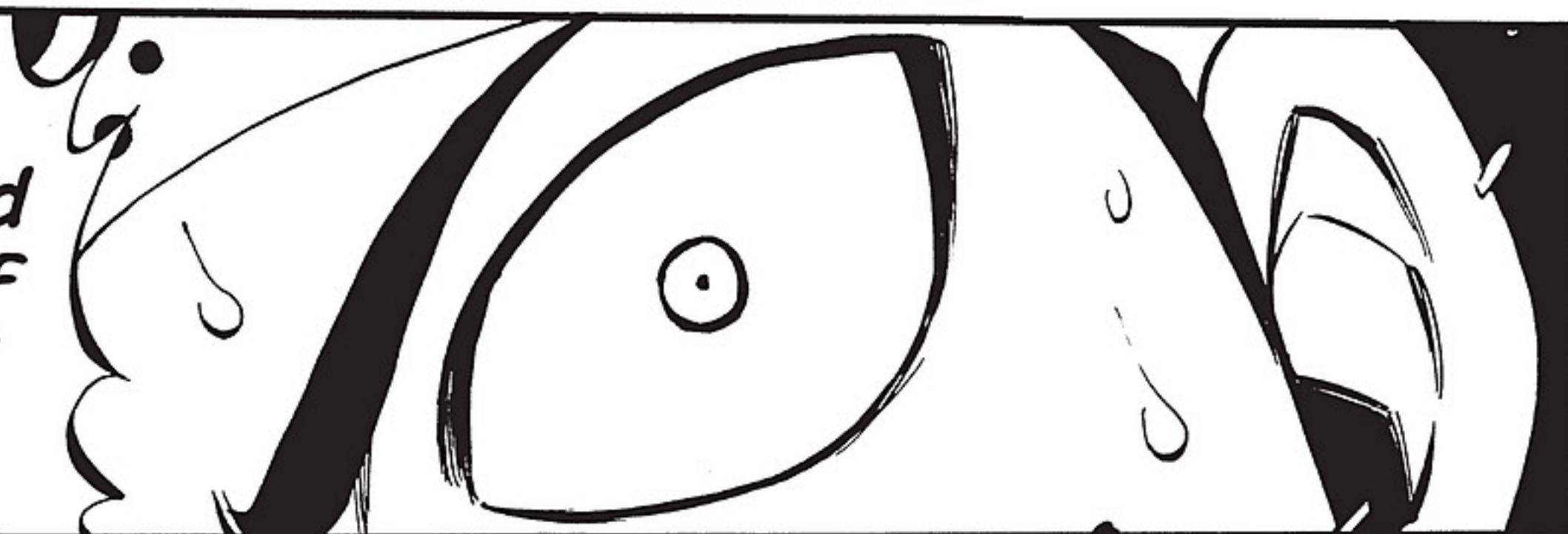


There is no
sword that
can cut
me...

*Anything
that touches
me turns to
sand!*



*A sword
made of
water?!*





You're
just can-
non fodder!
You're
nothing!

Dammit
!!!

TUMP

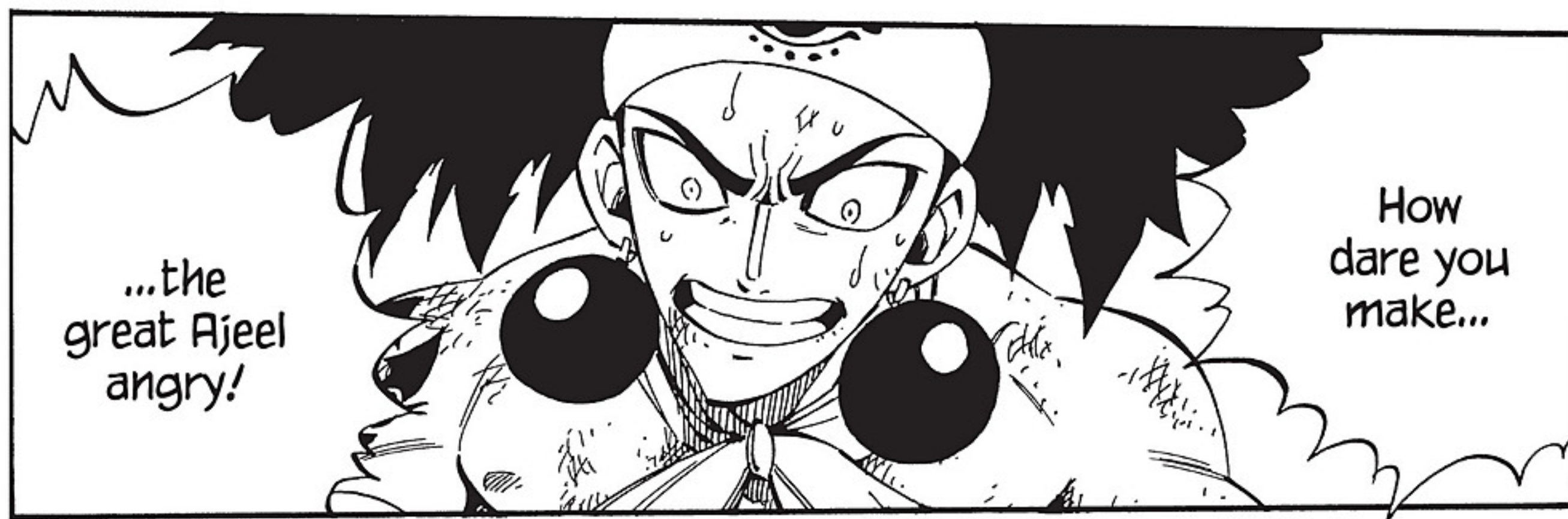
TUMP



The Sea
God Sword
can harden
sand!

BOOM

WHOOOSH



...the
great Ajeel
angry!

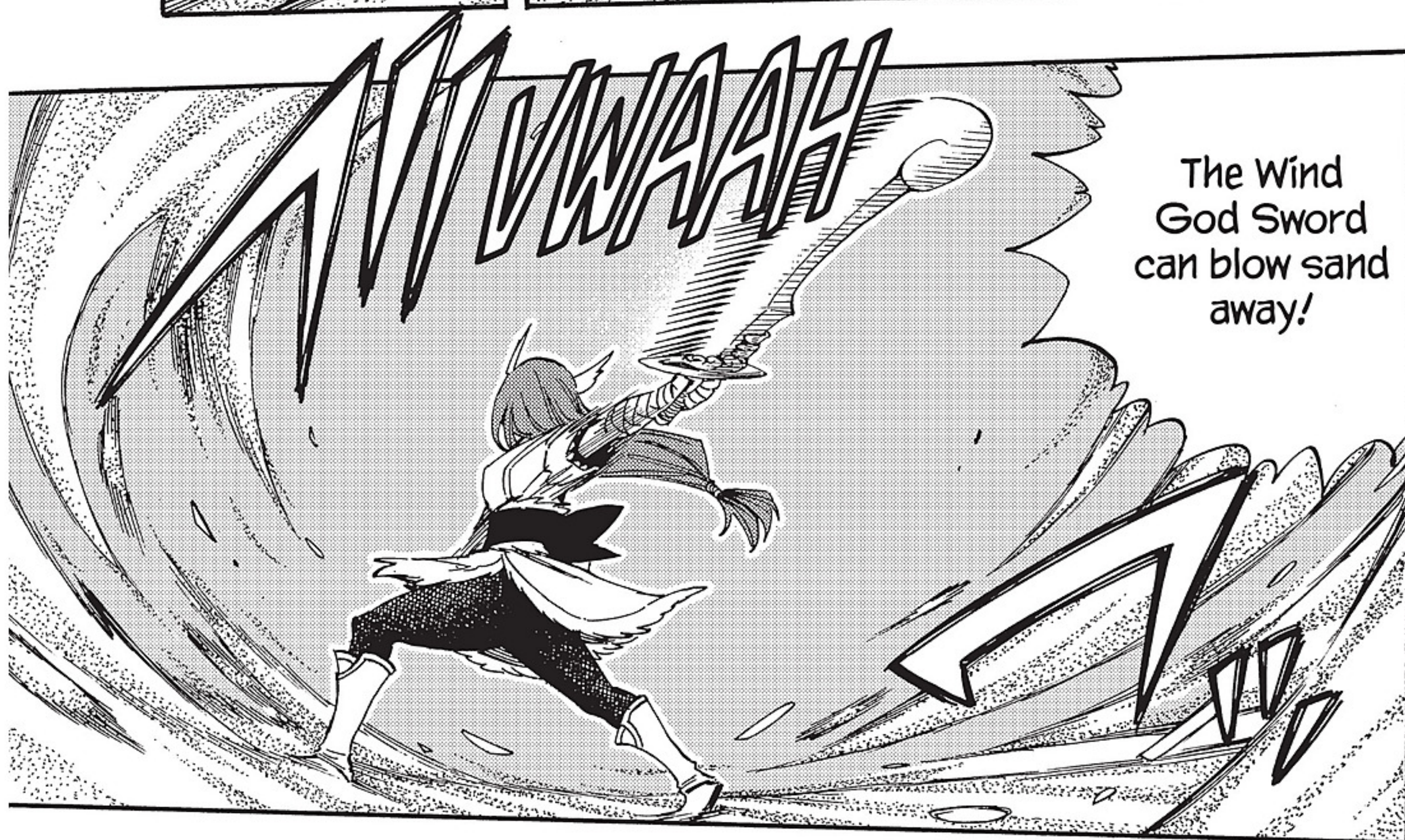
How
dare you
make...

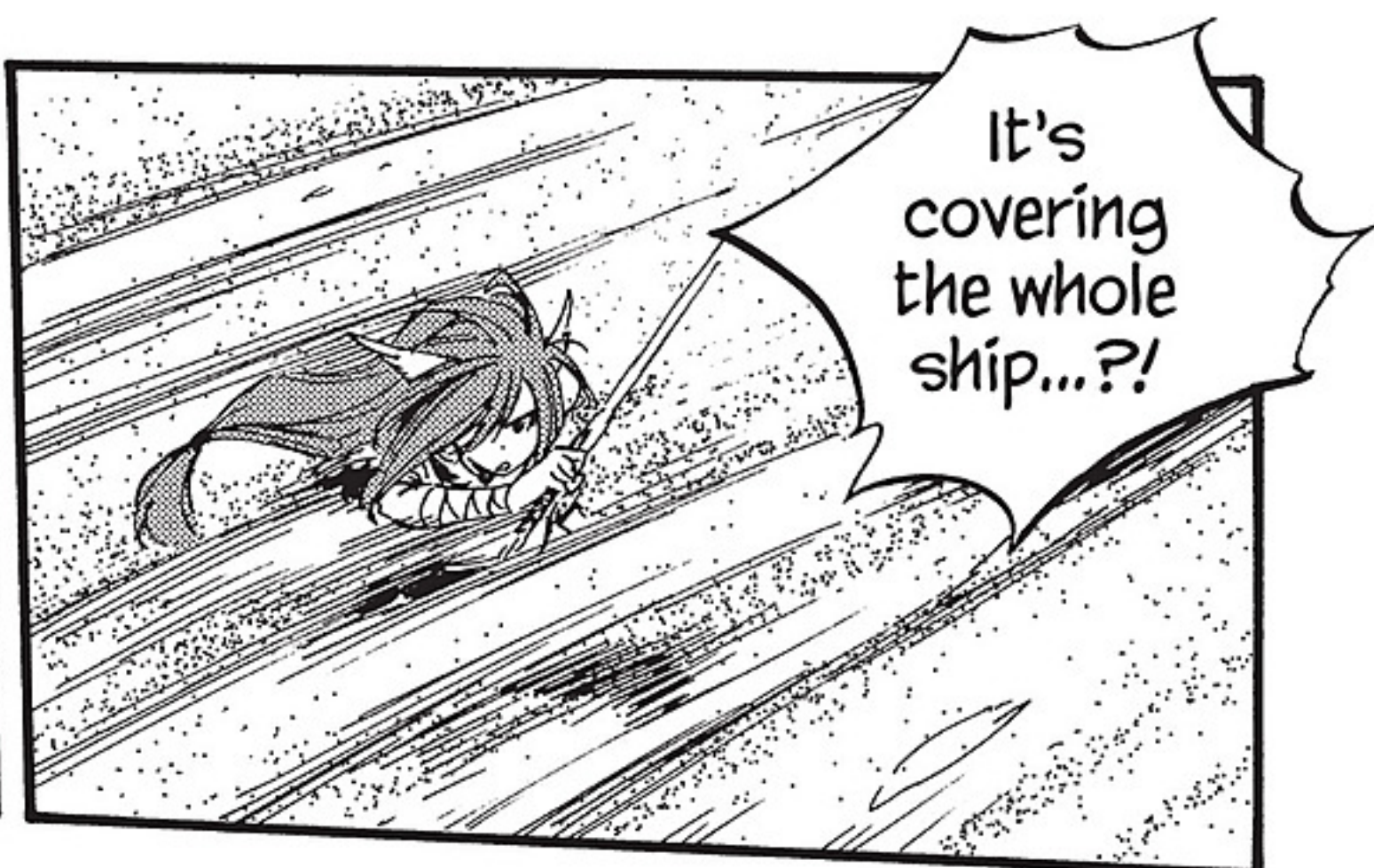


GWOOSH

HAH!

It's futile!
I've already
figured out
how to fight
that magic!





We'll use
our dragon
noses to
hunt down
the enemy
and crush
them!

You
cats
stay
back!

This
is bad!
The enemy
is still
coming!

I can't
see any-
thing!

Probably
that sand
wizard
up there,
right?!

What the-?
Where'd
this sand-
storm come
from...?



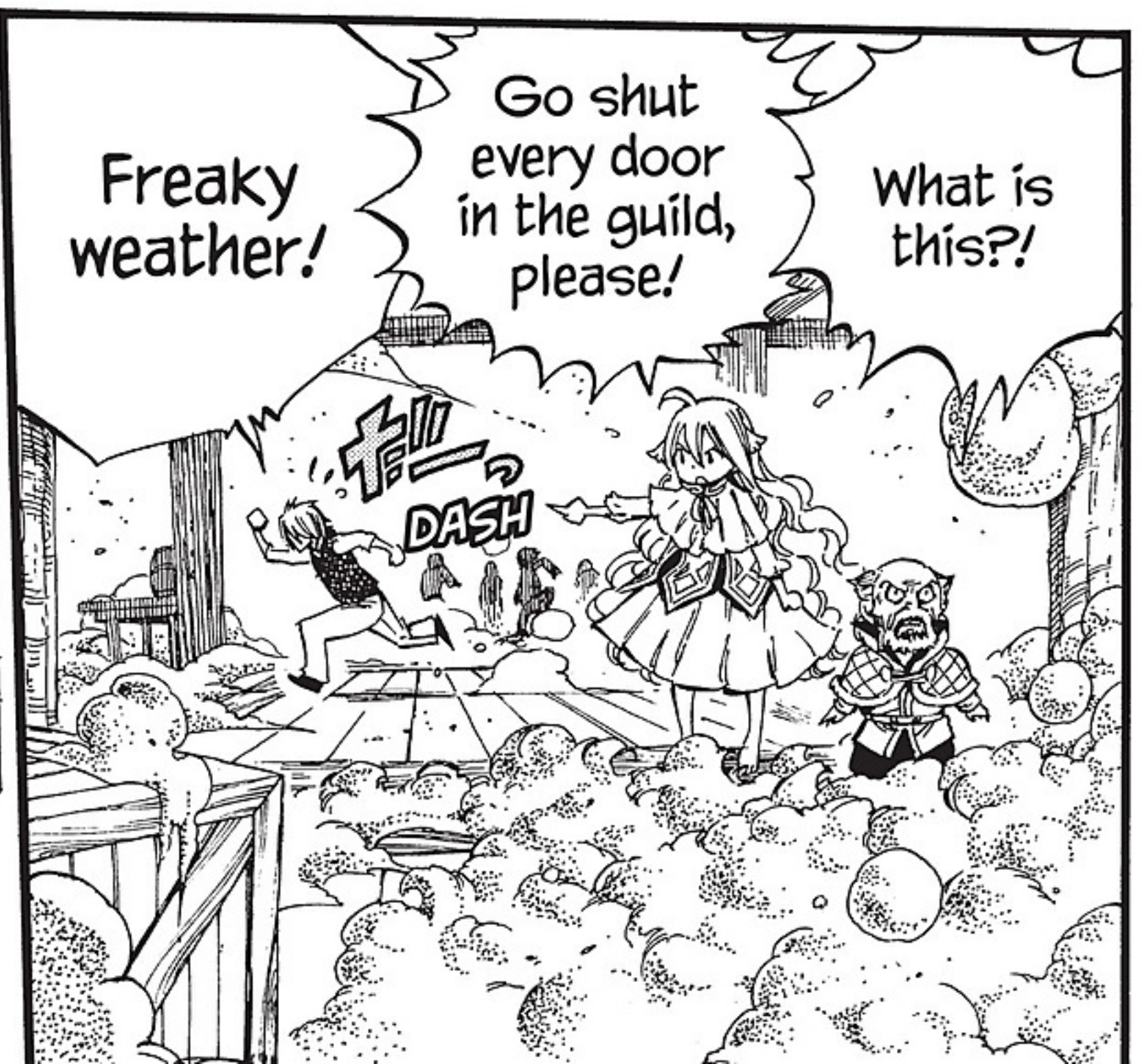
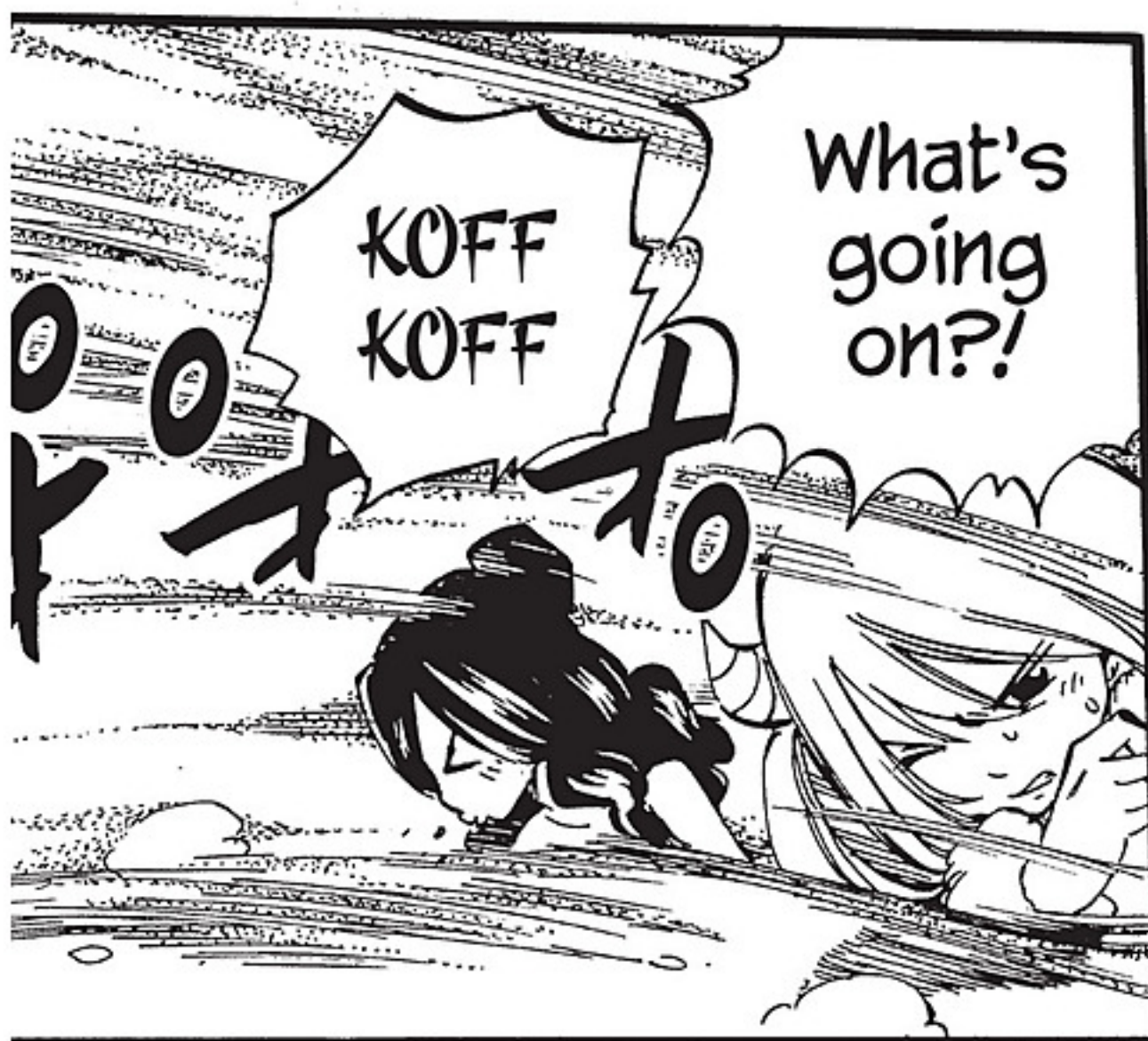
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KOFF

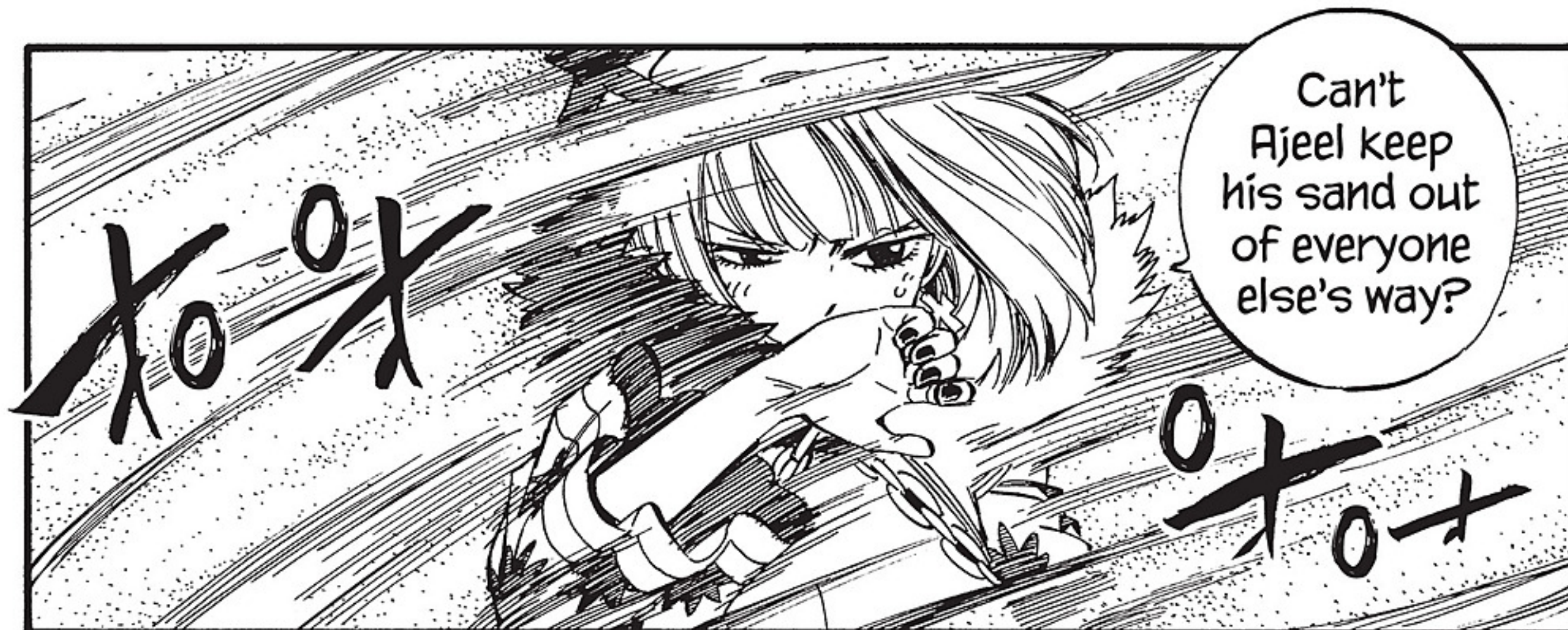
What's
going
on?!

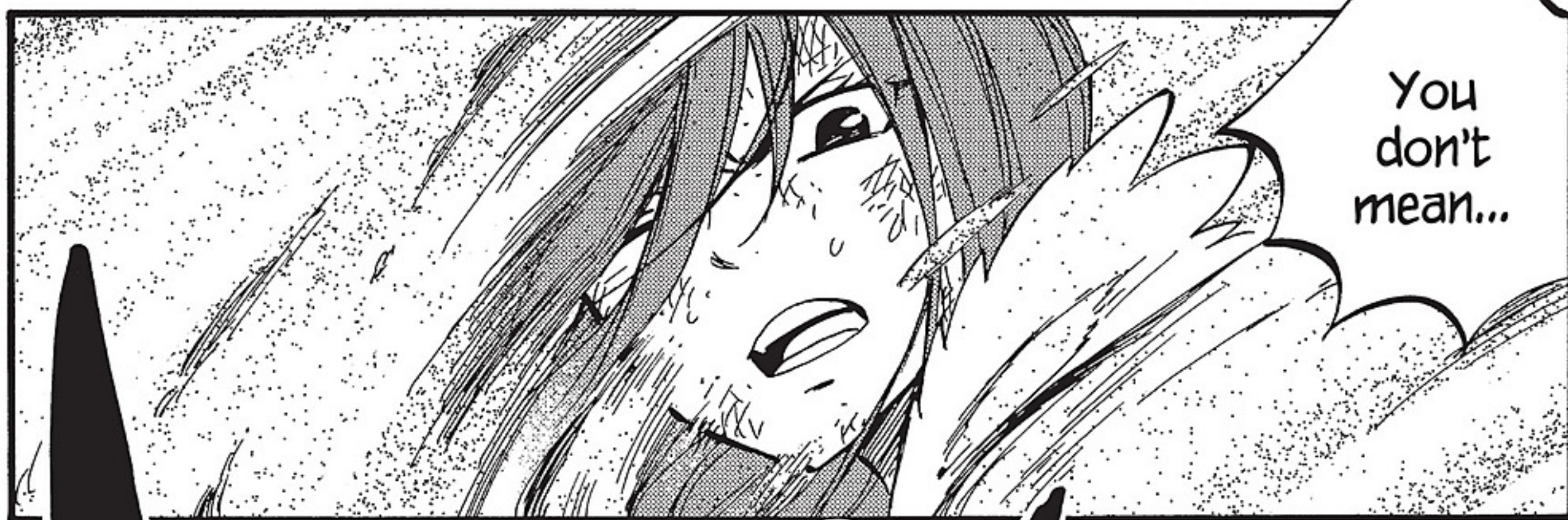
Freaky
weather!

Go shut
every door
in the guild,
please!

What is
this?!







You
don't
mean...



...that you're
covering the
entire town
in this sand-
storm...?!



One
can shrink
a whole
island...

...another
can create
massive sand-
storms...



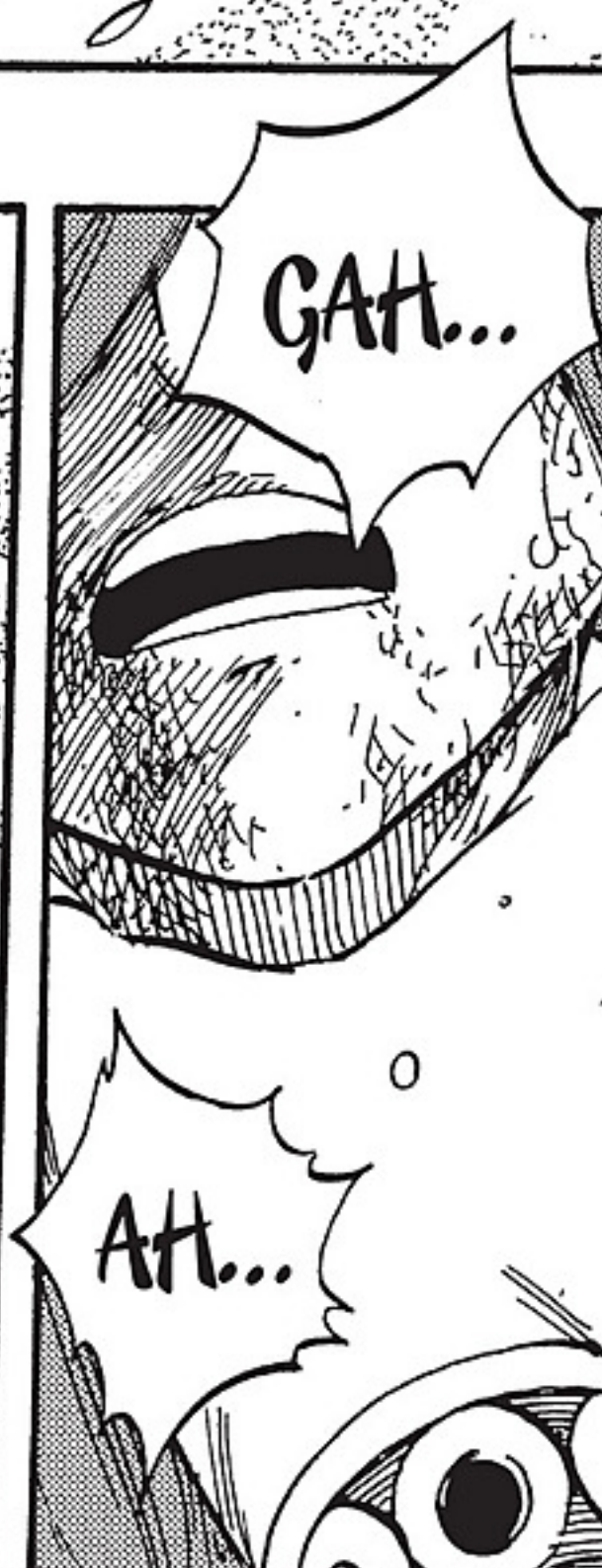
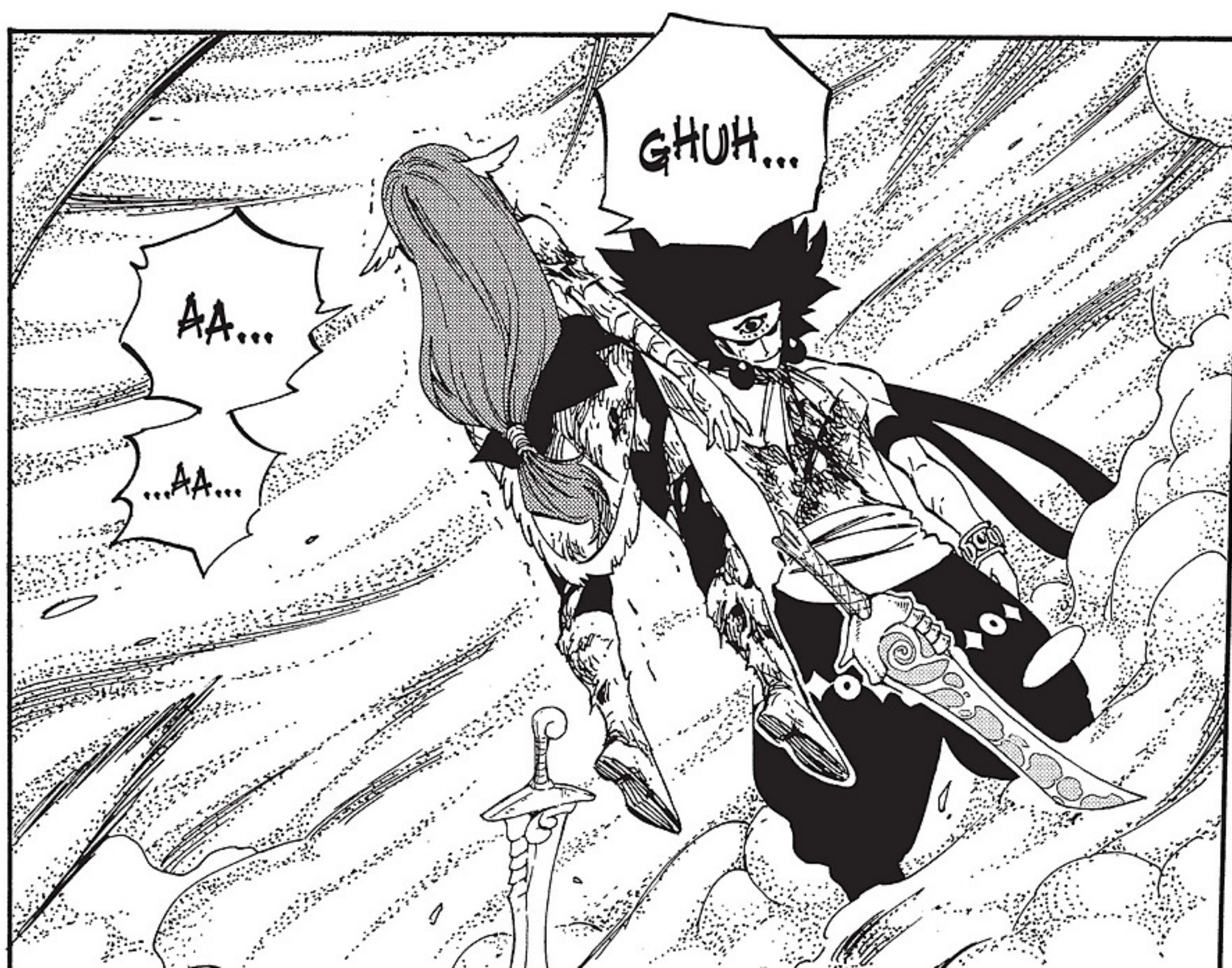
In this
world...

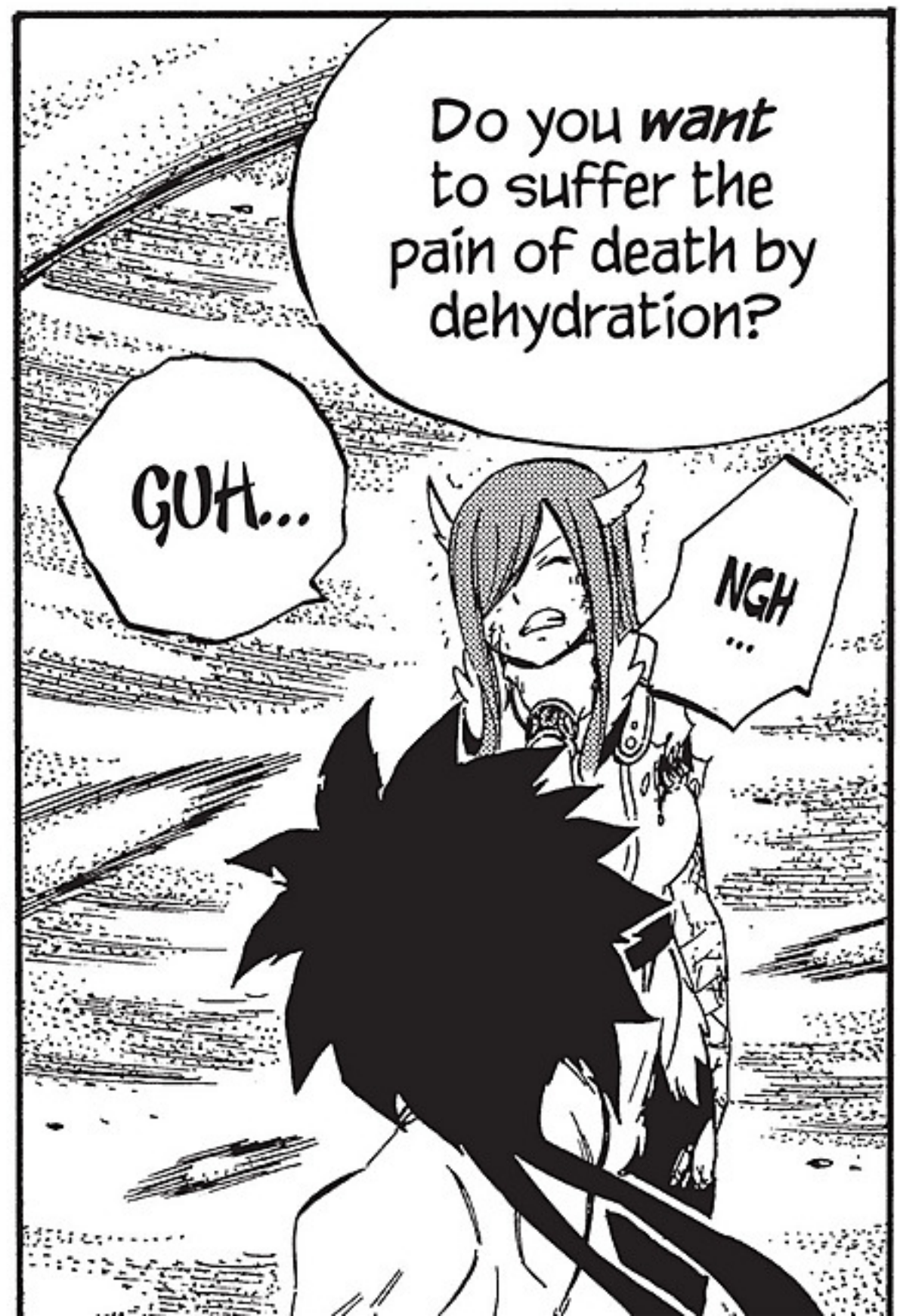
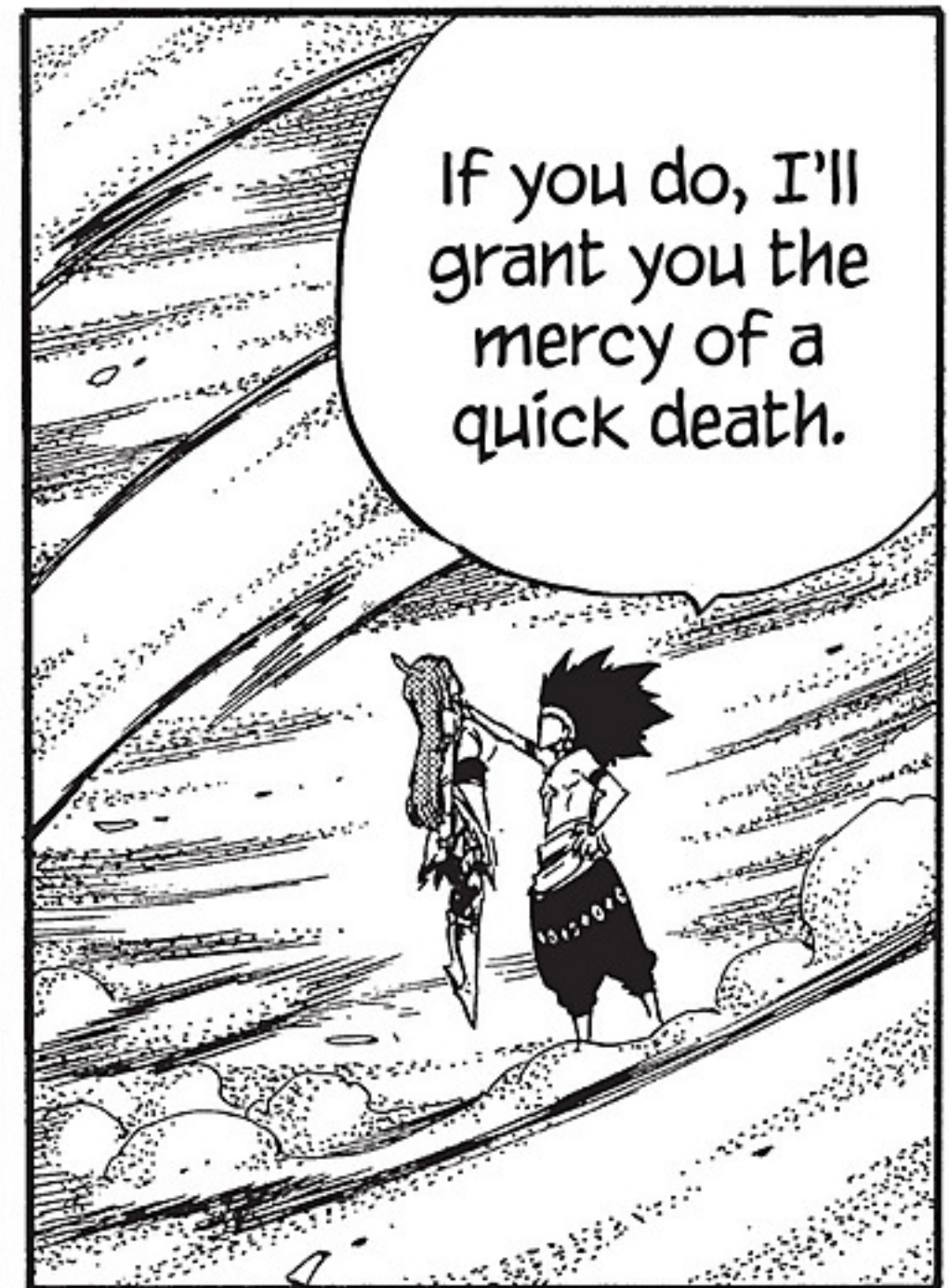
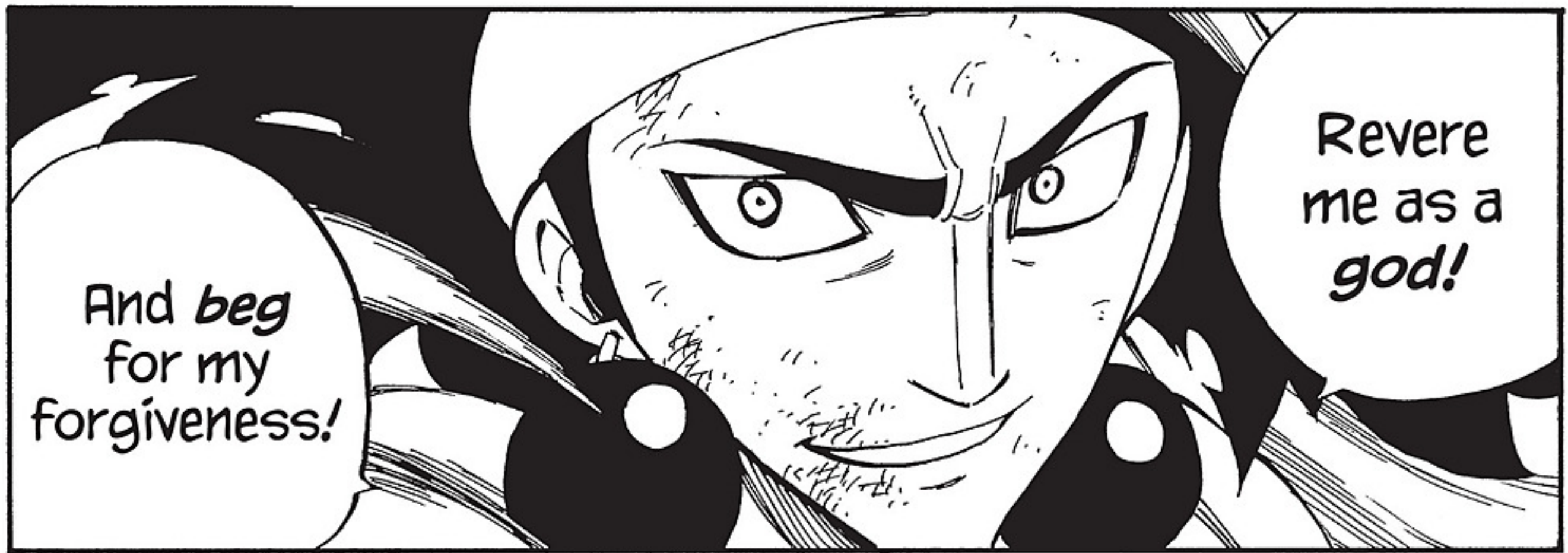


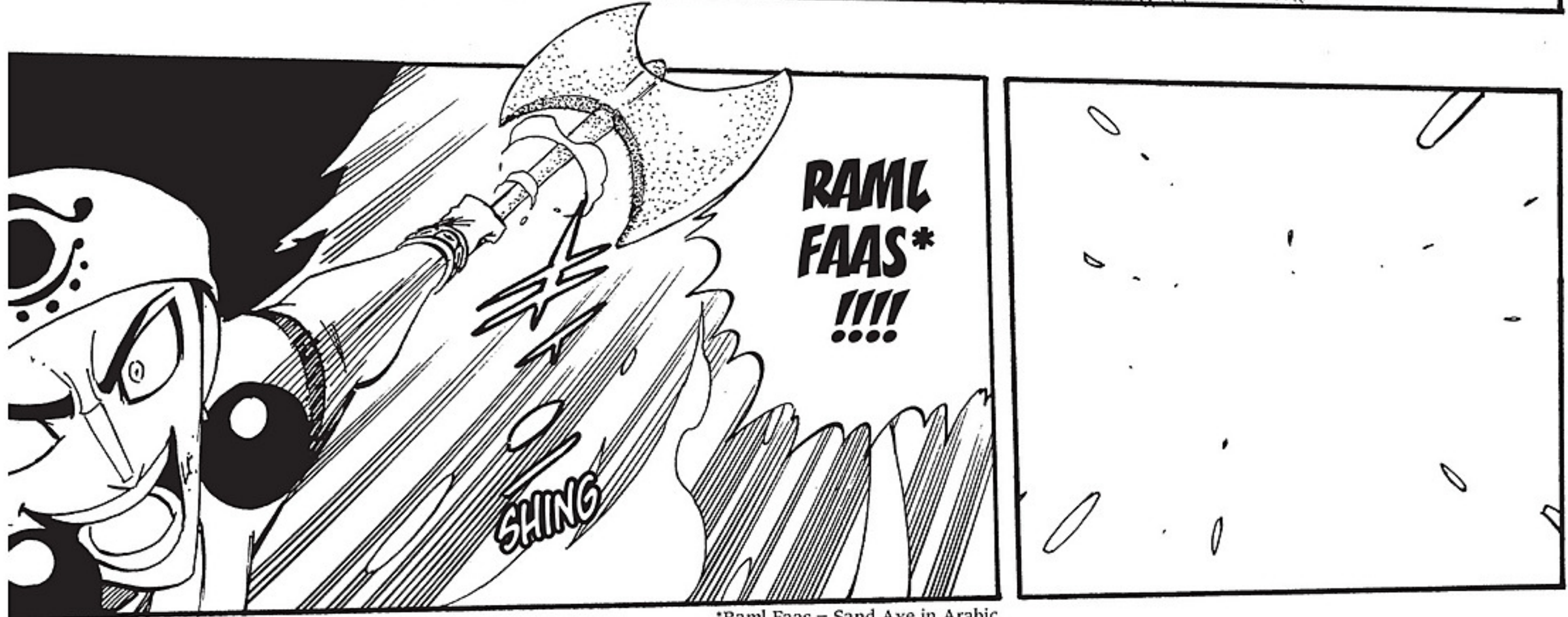


*Raml Saif = Sand Sword in Arabic.

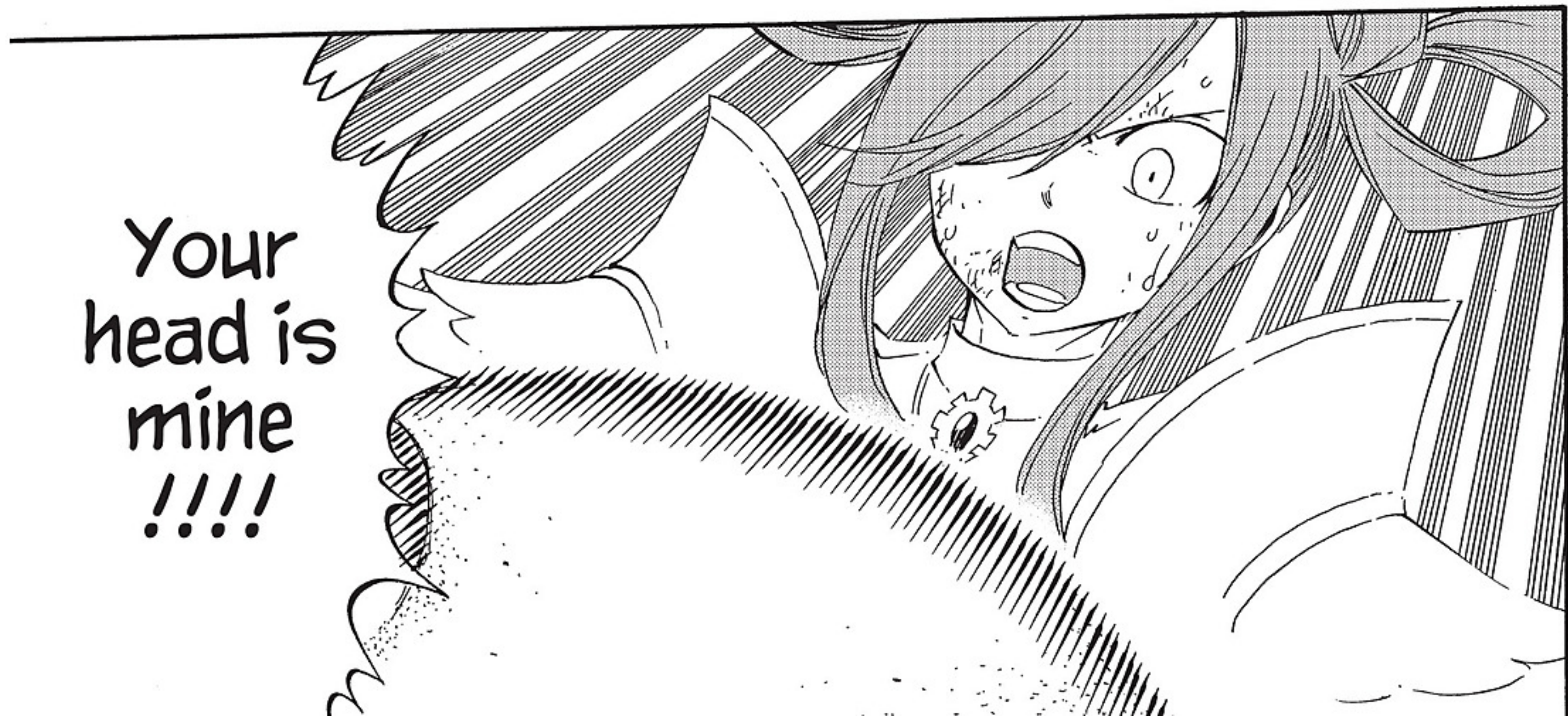


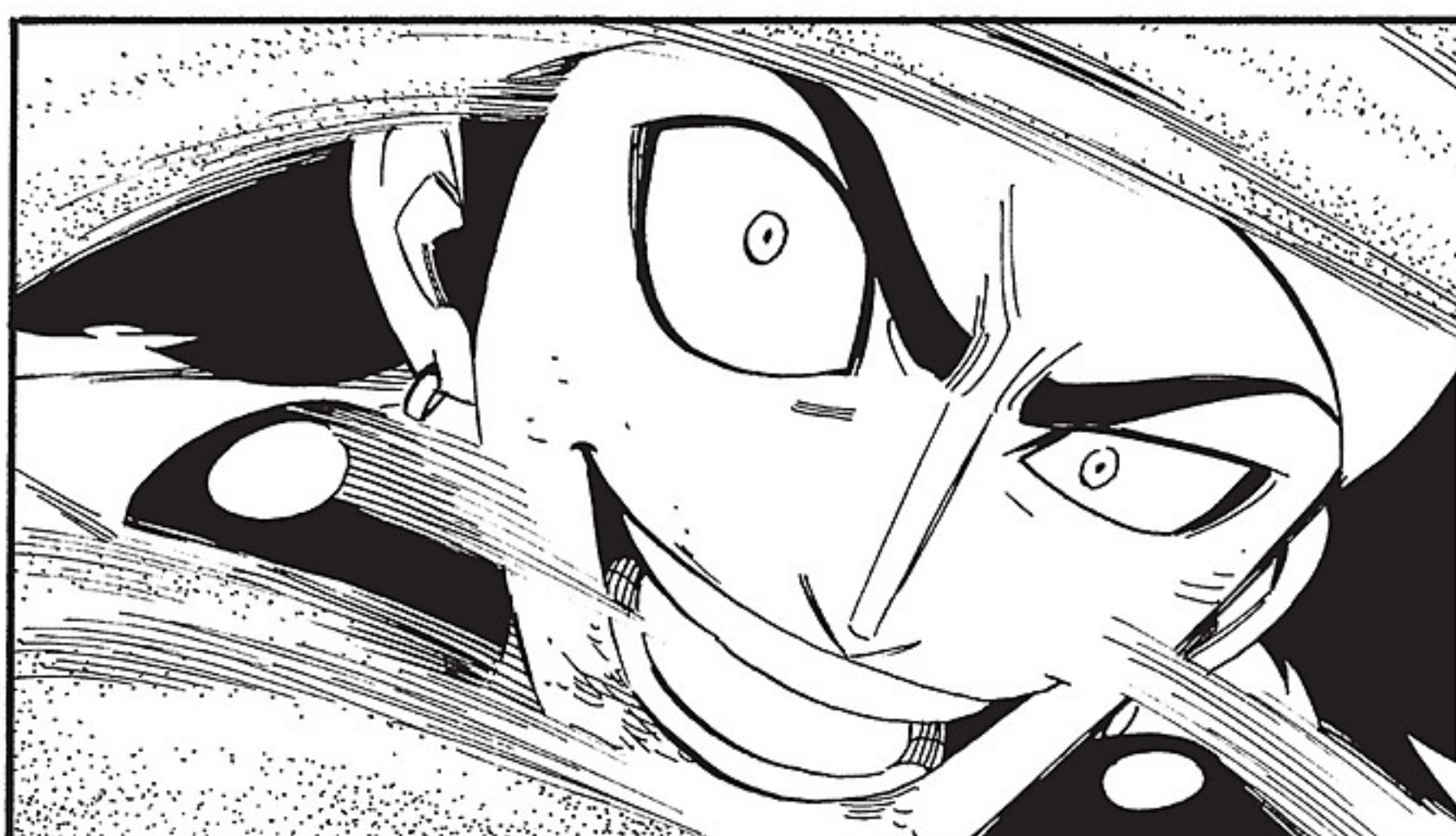
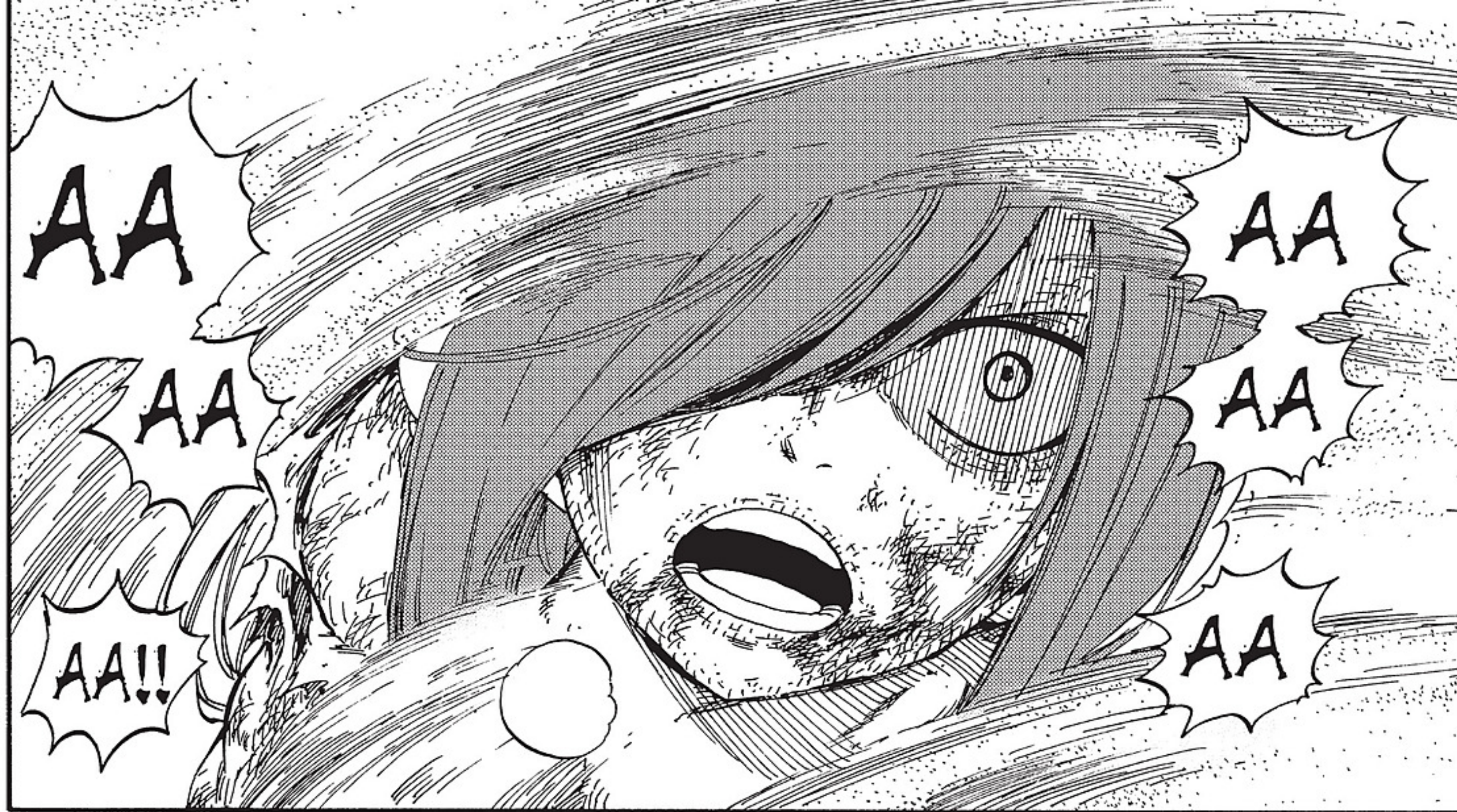






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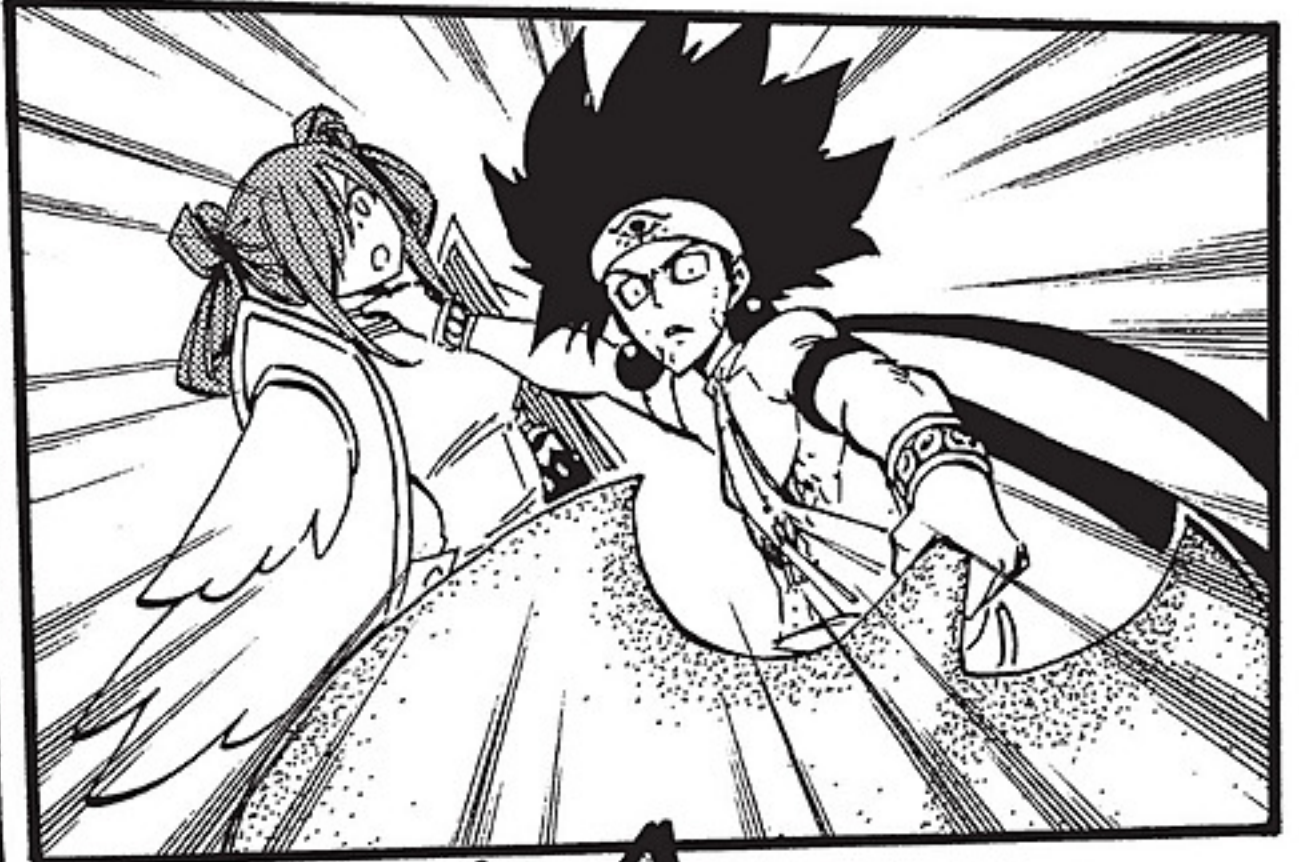
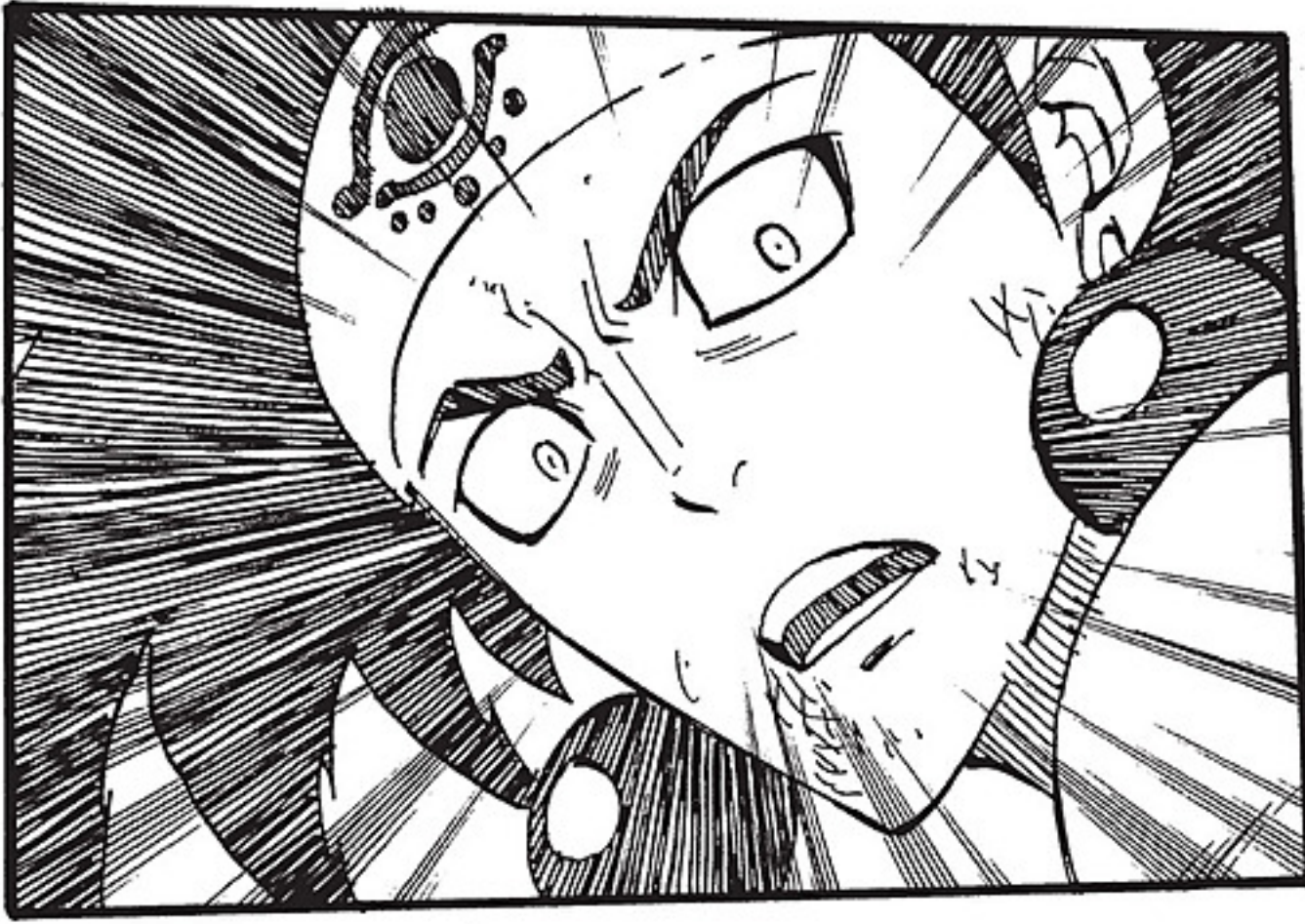
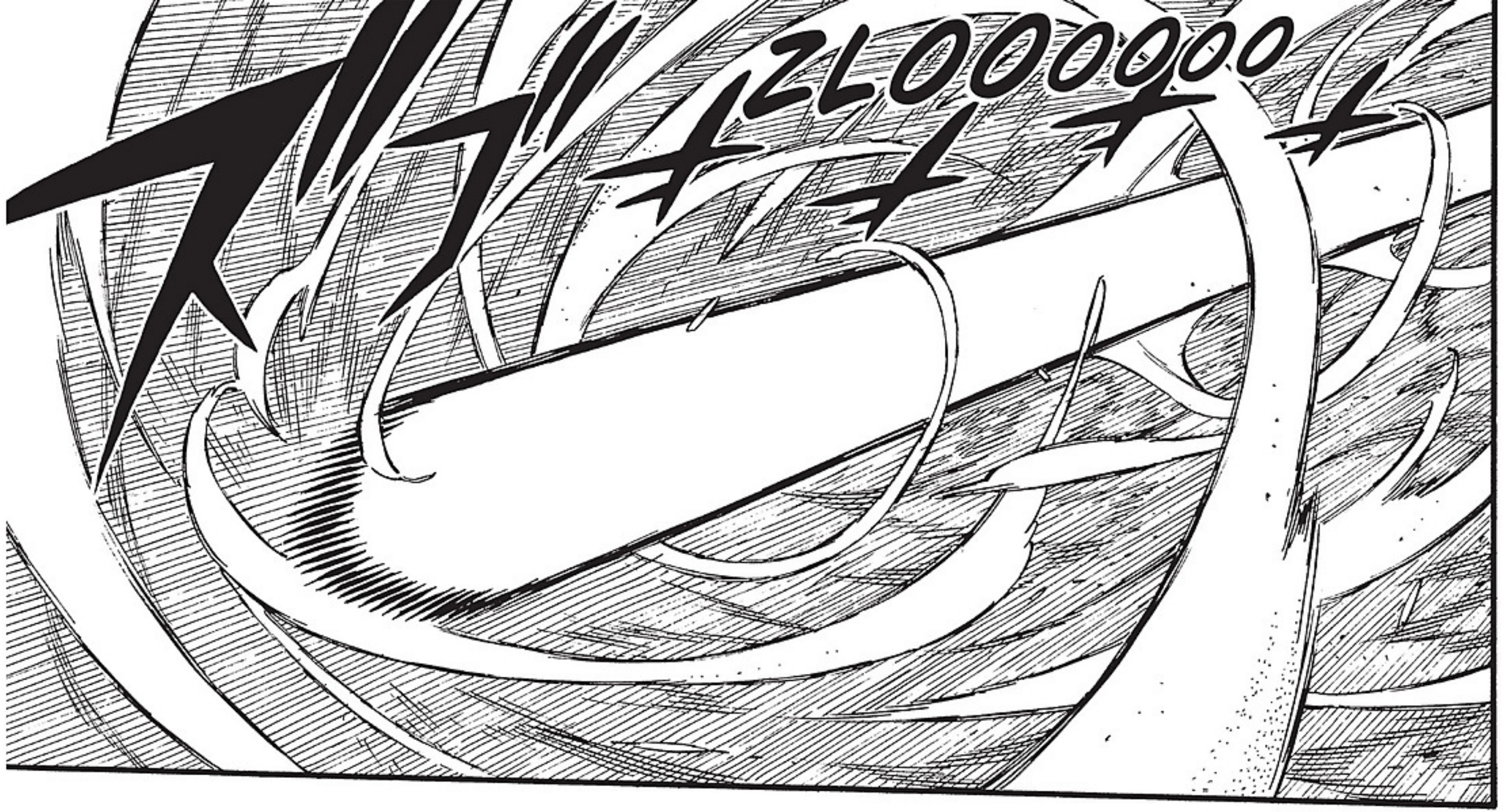
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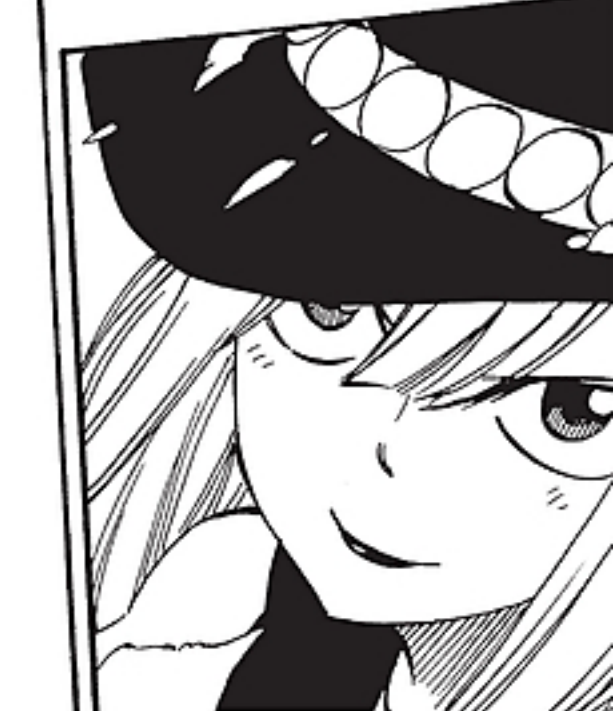
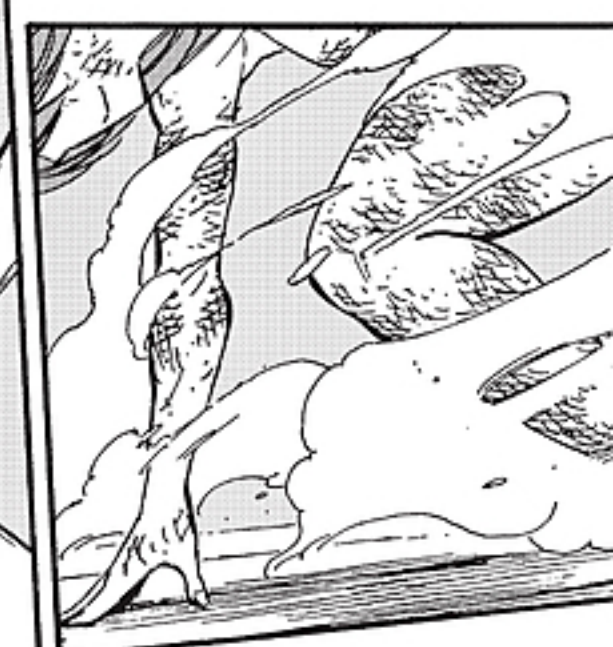
That must be...

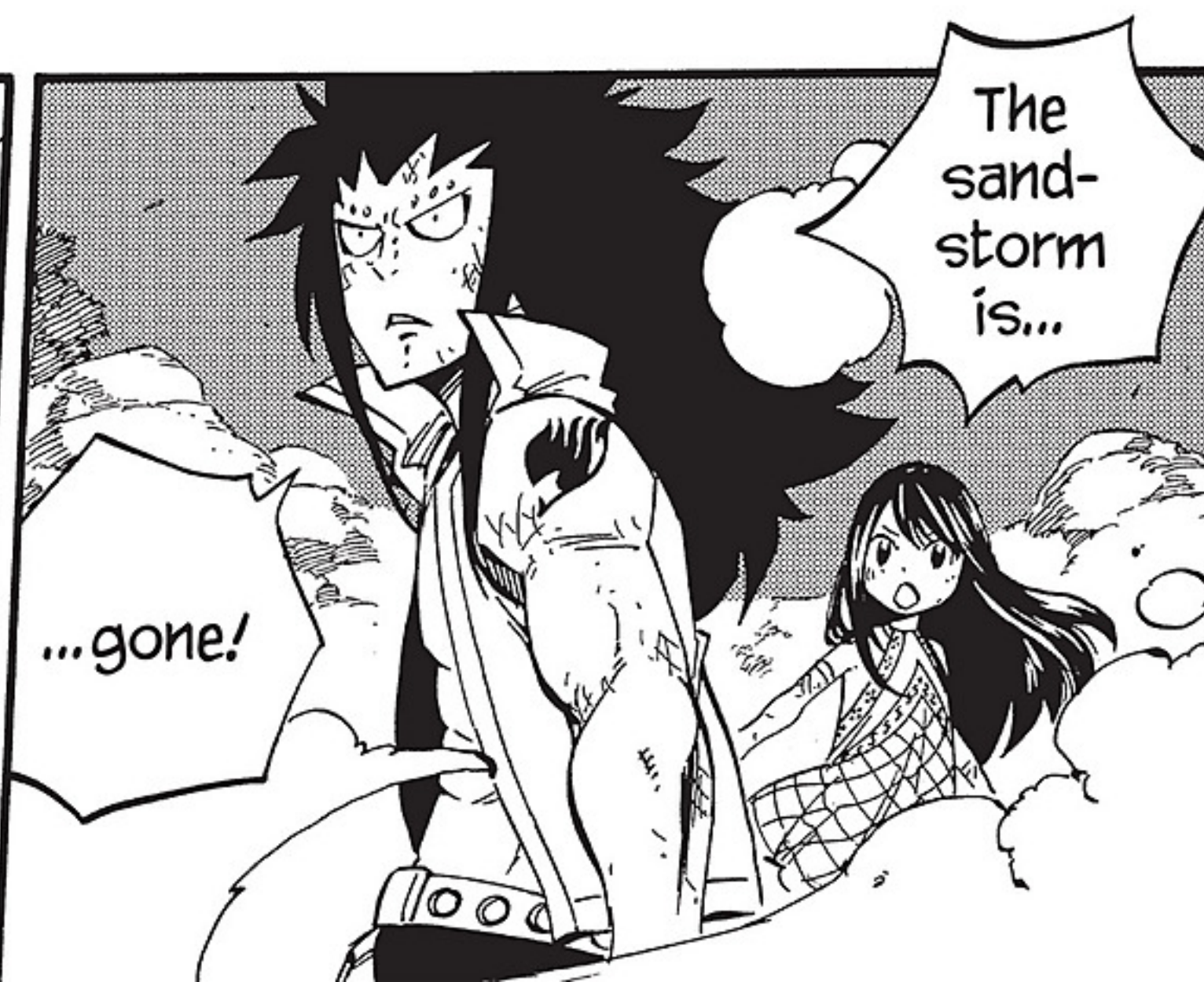
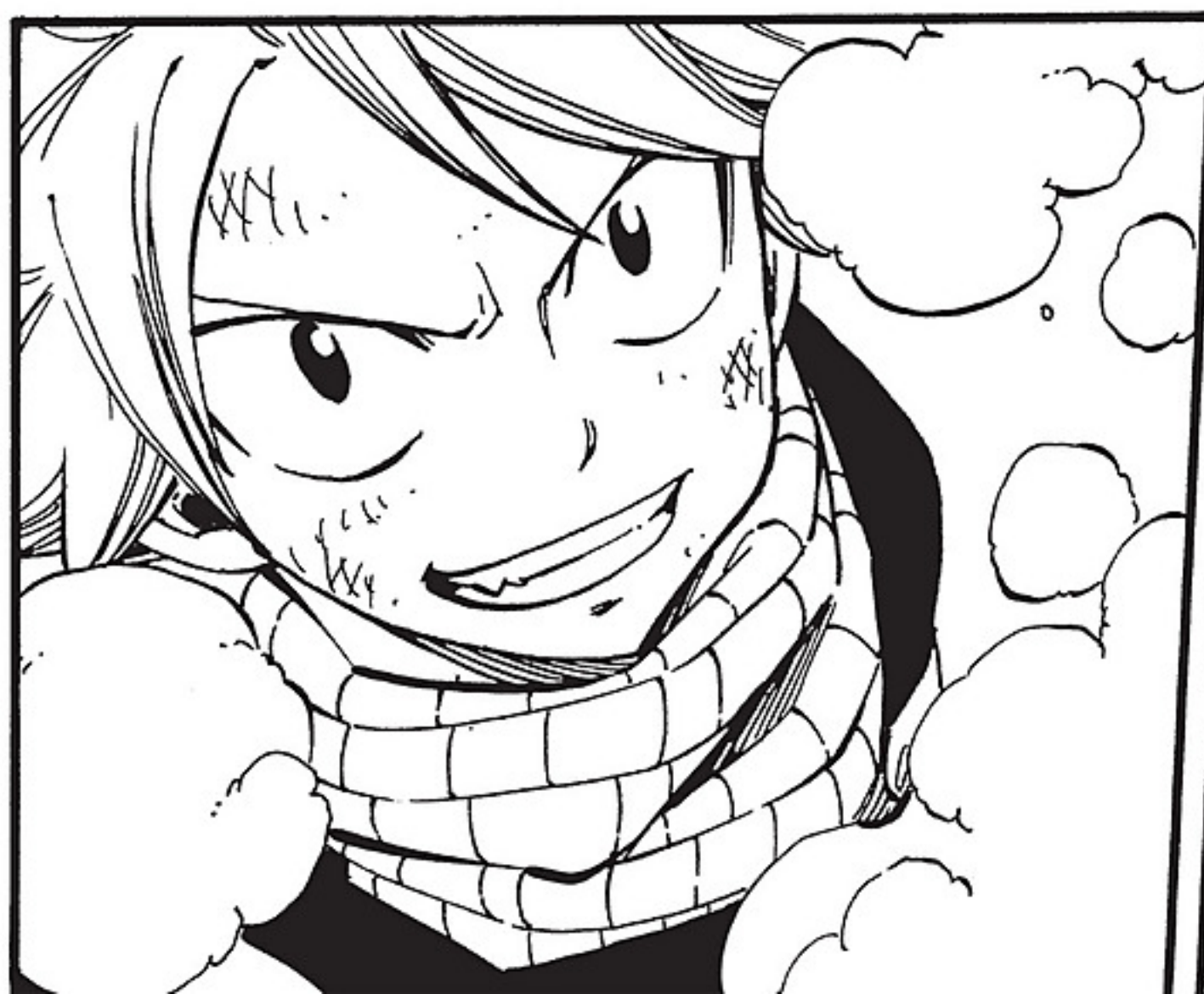
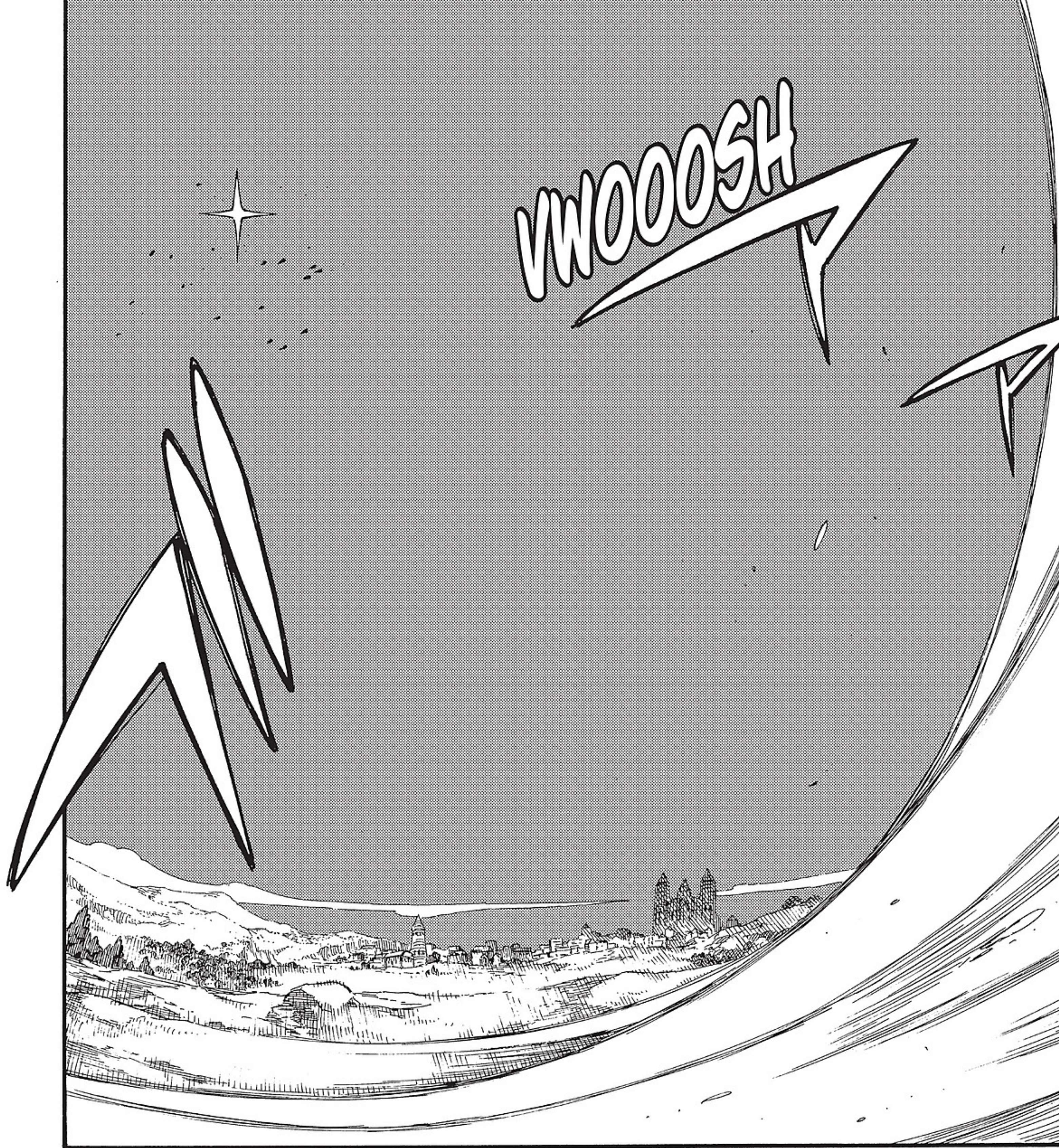
...Erza-san!

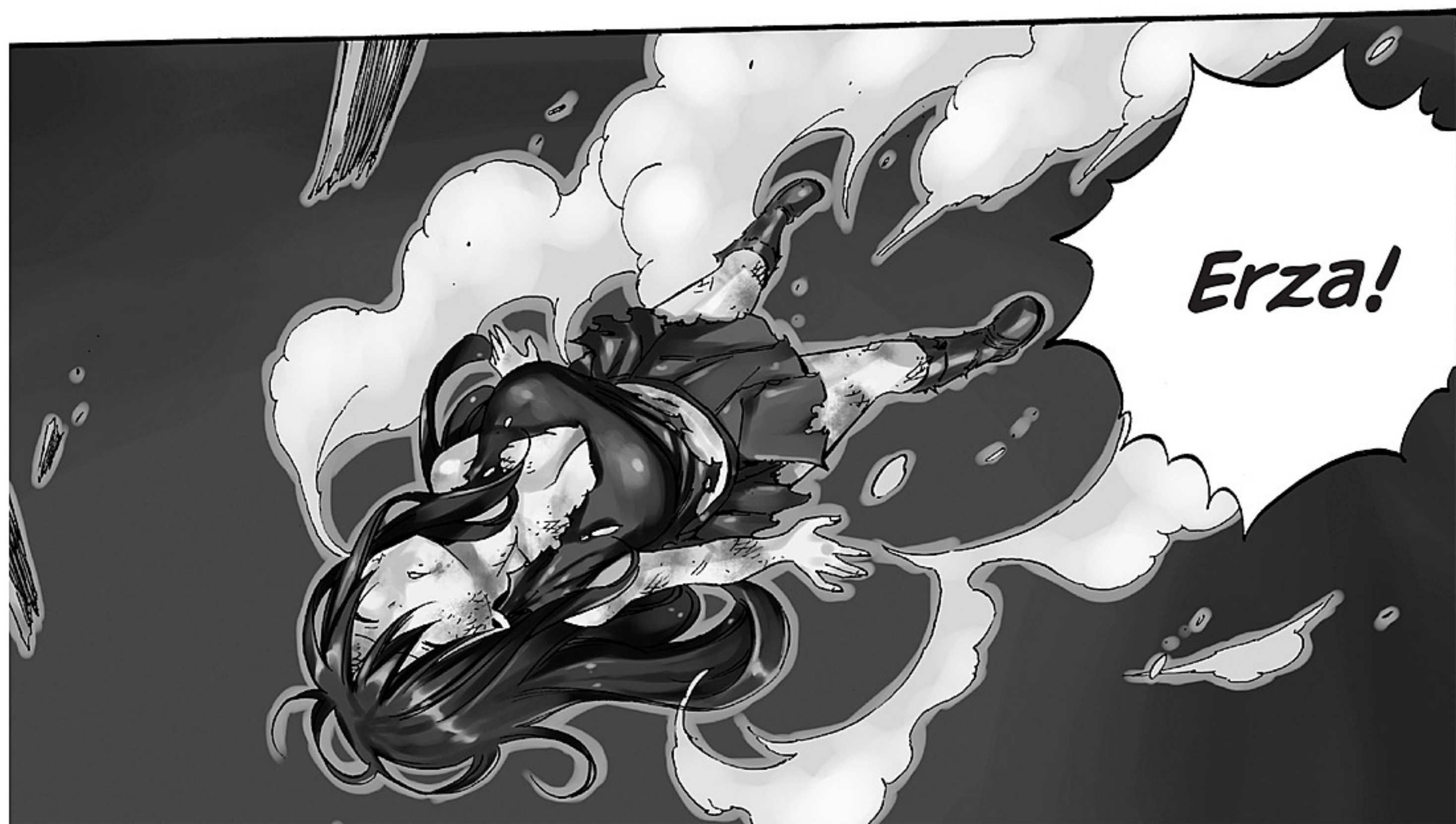
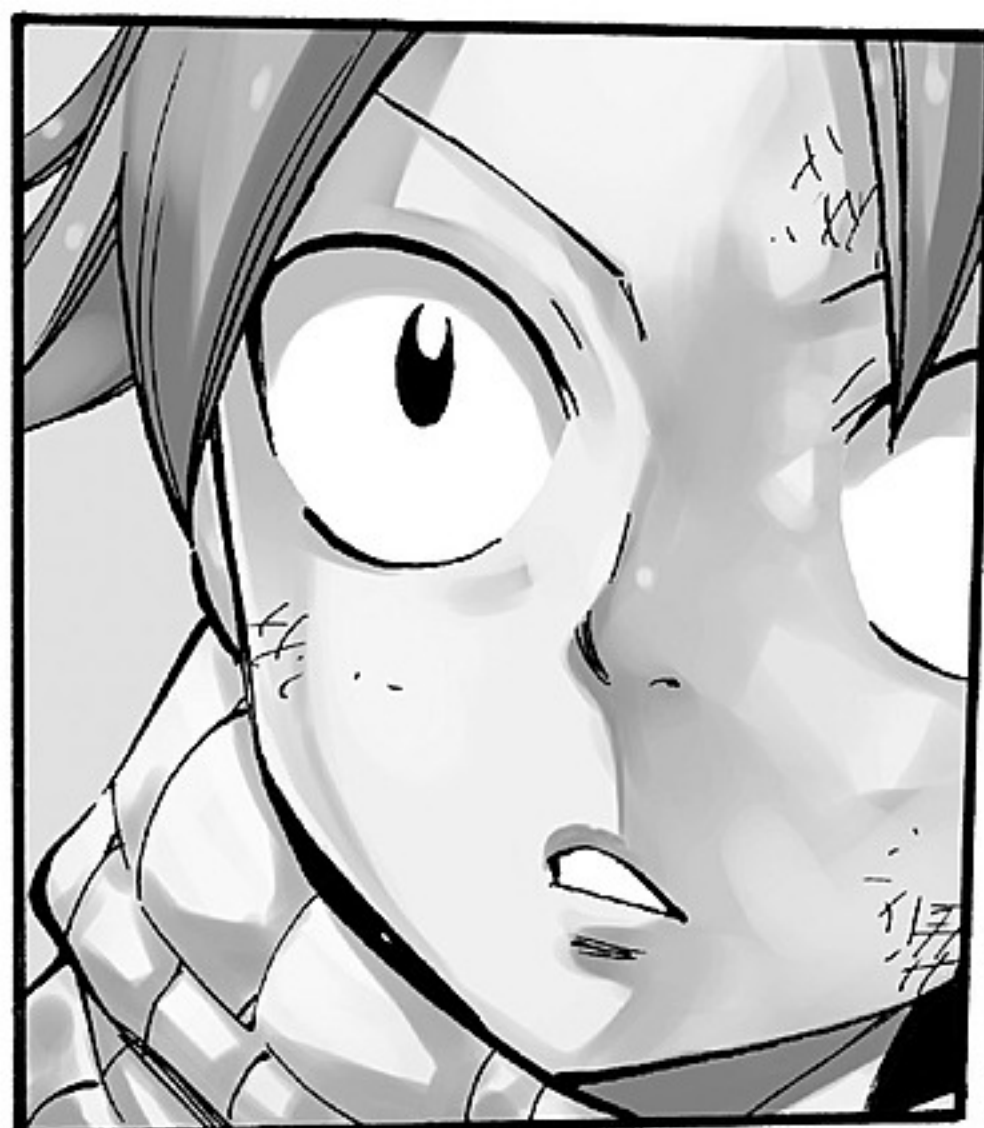
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...Erza-san!





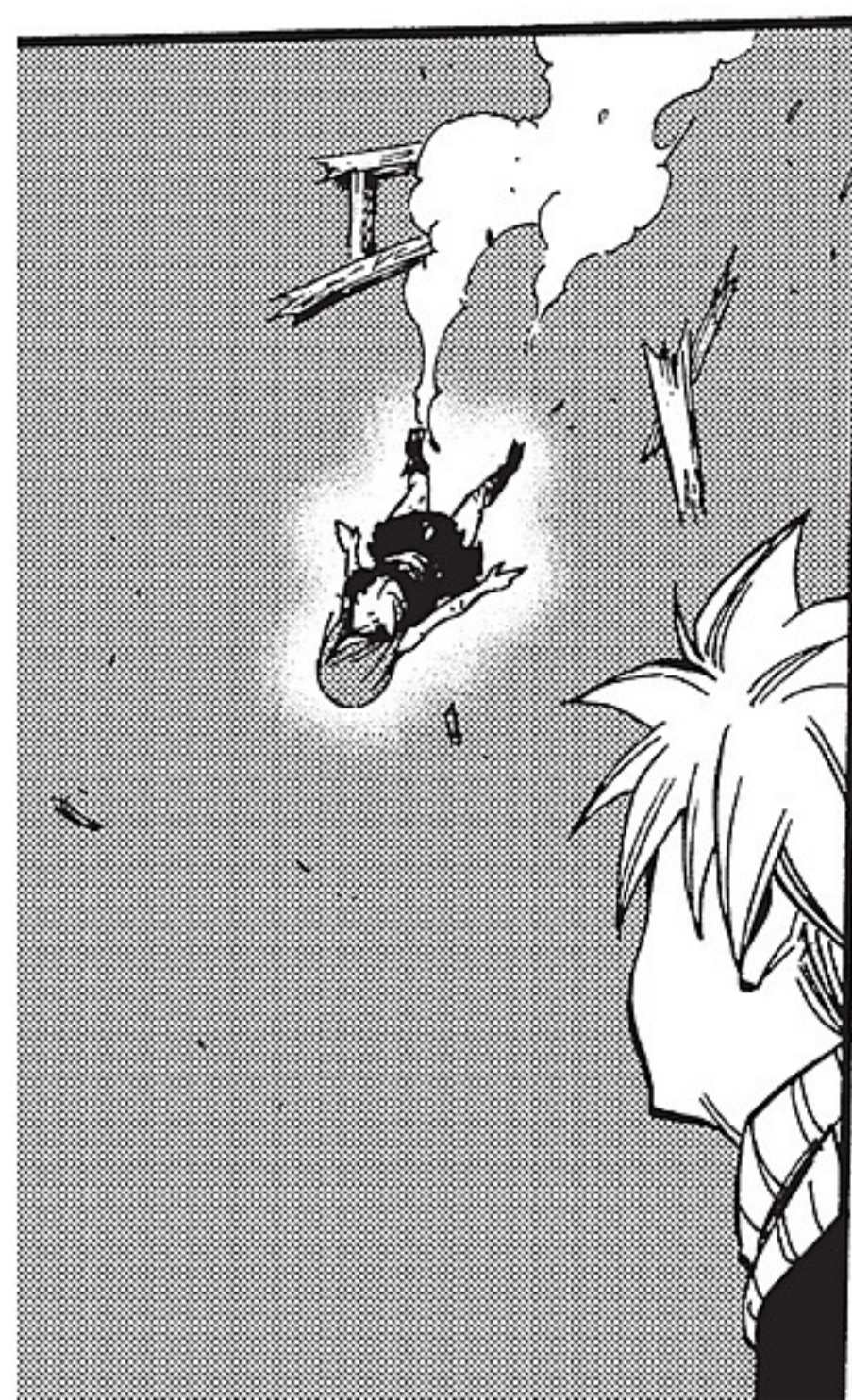


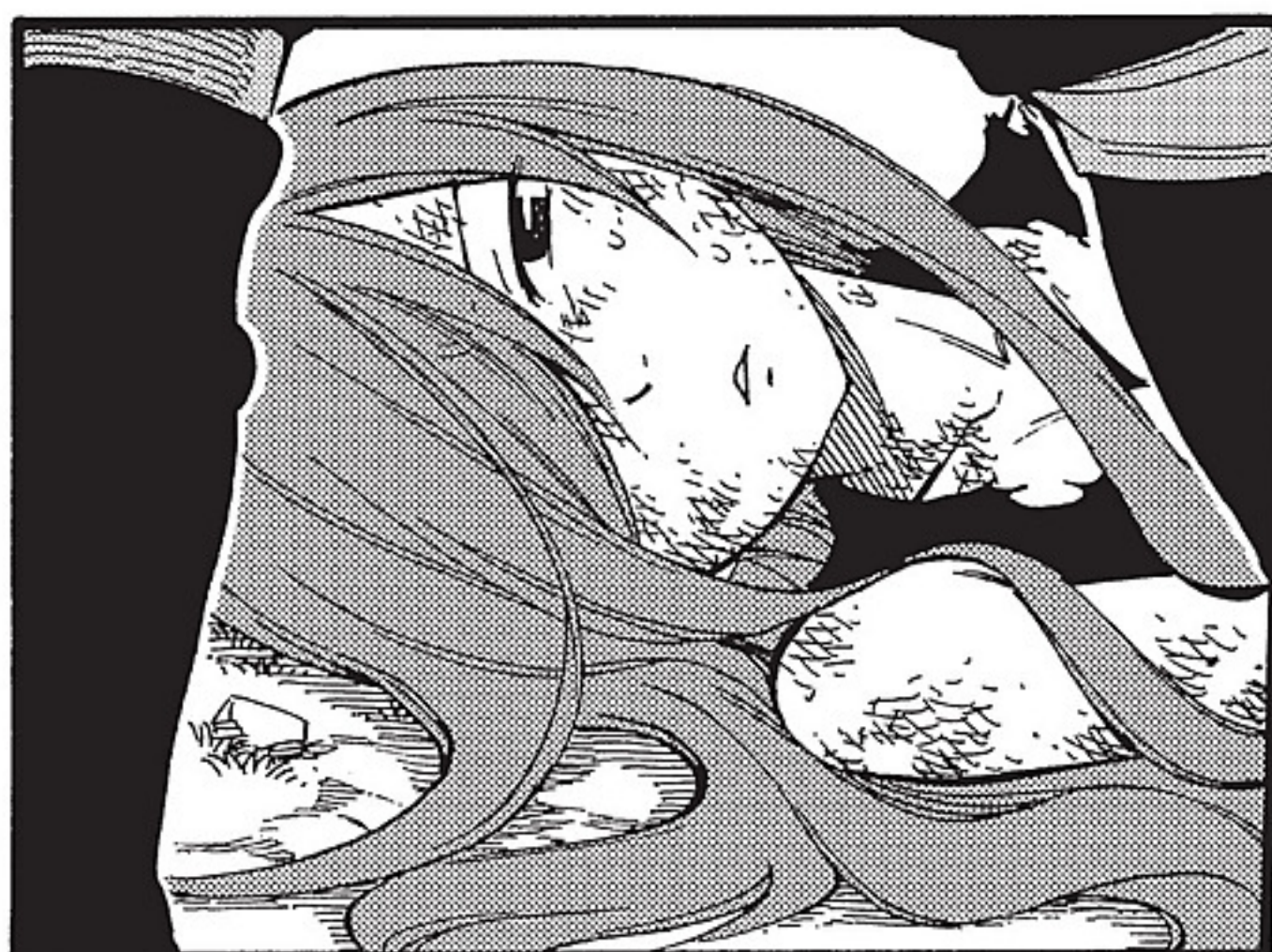
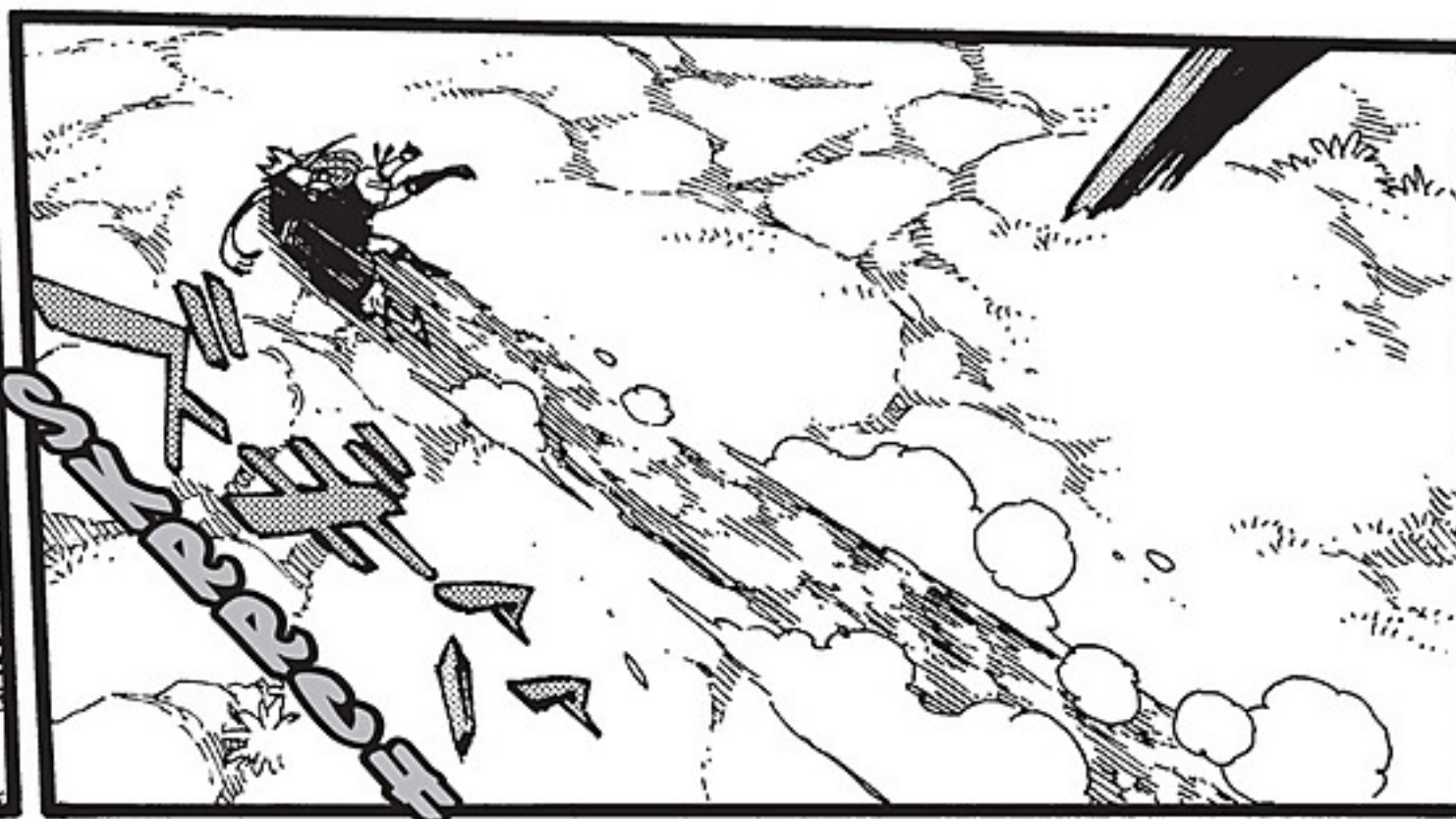
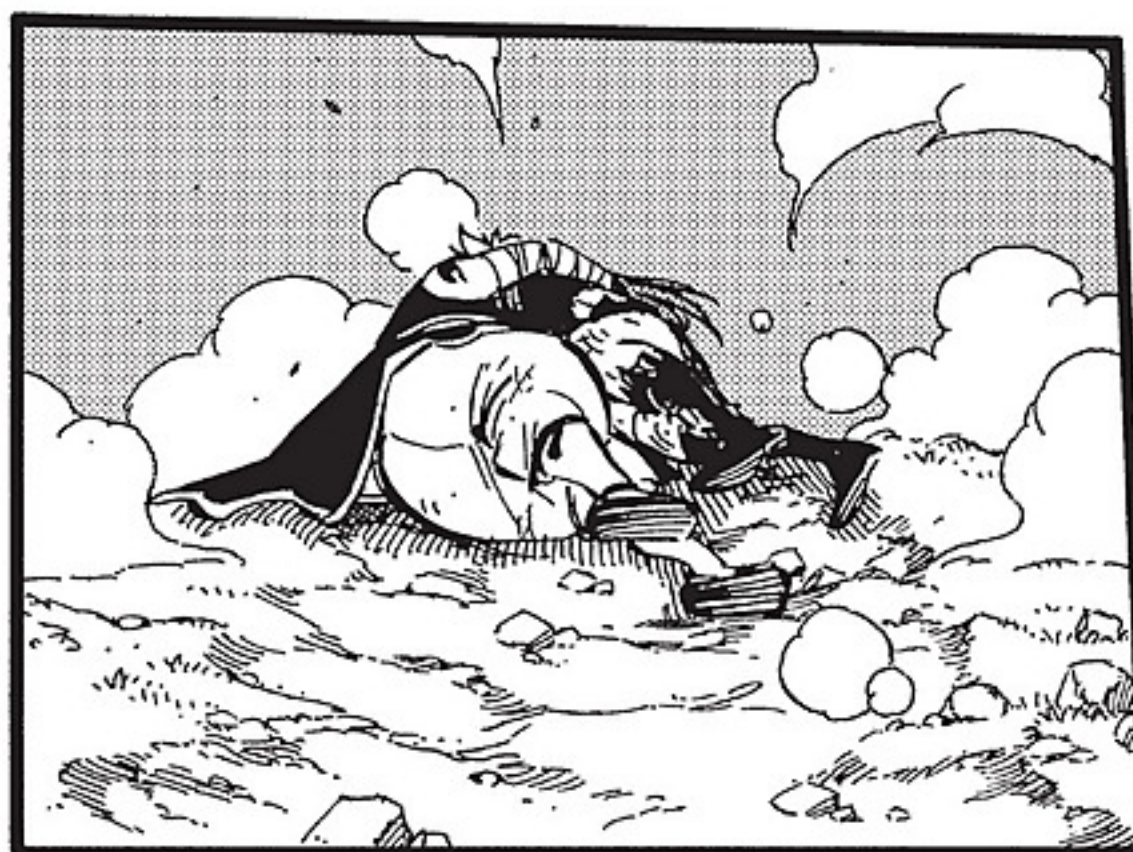
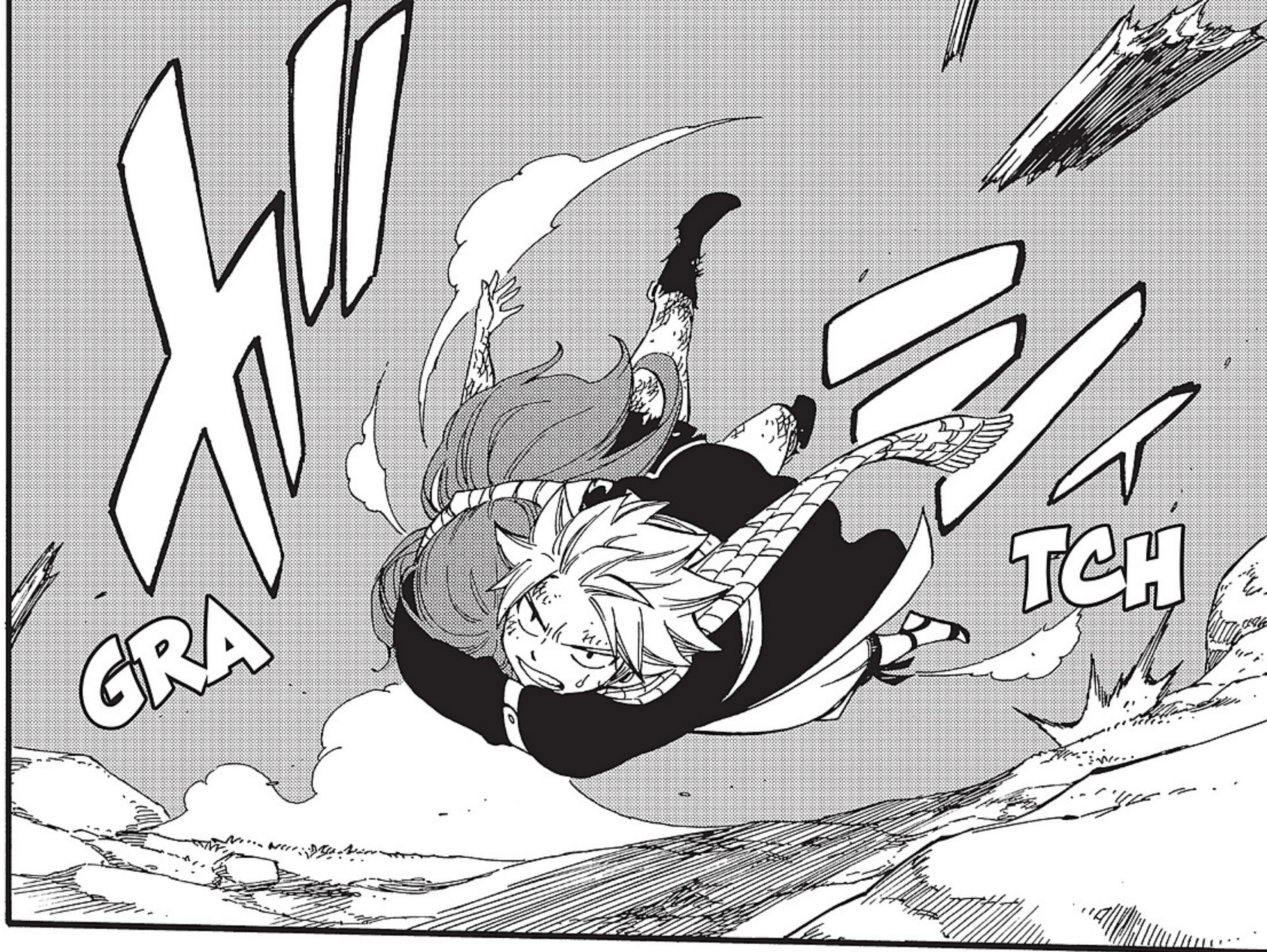


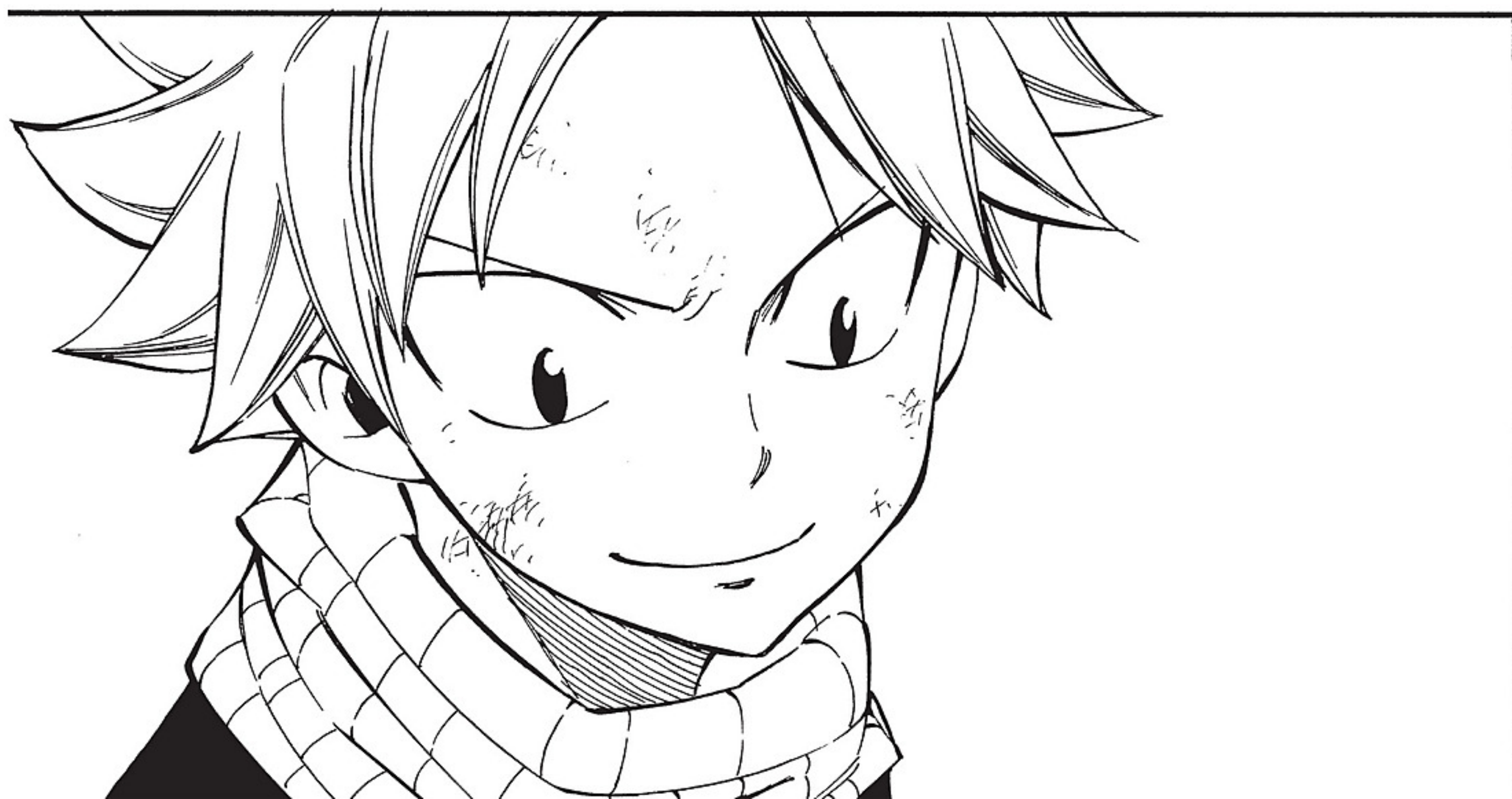
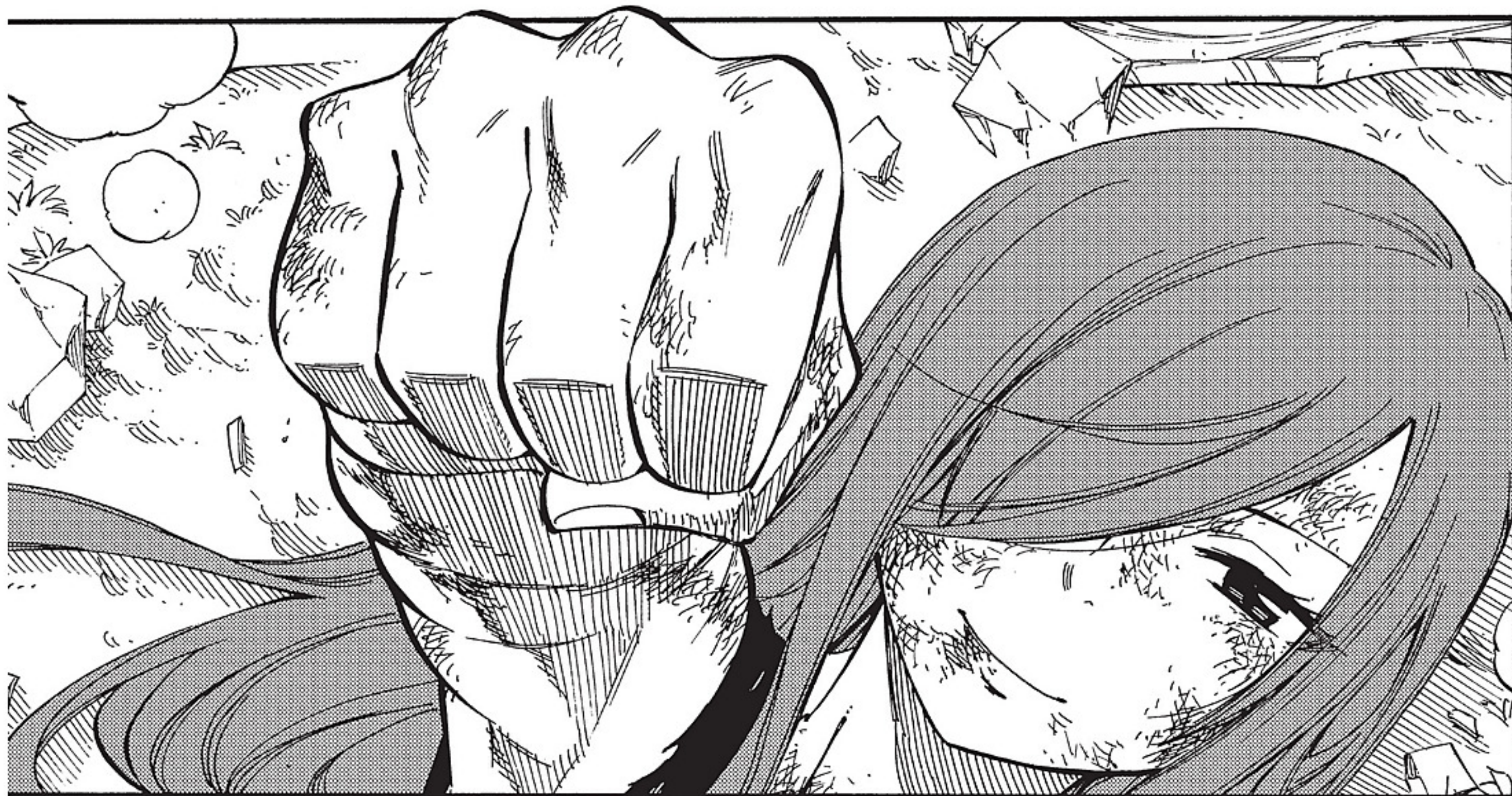
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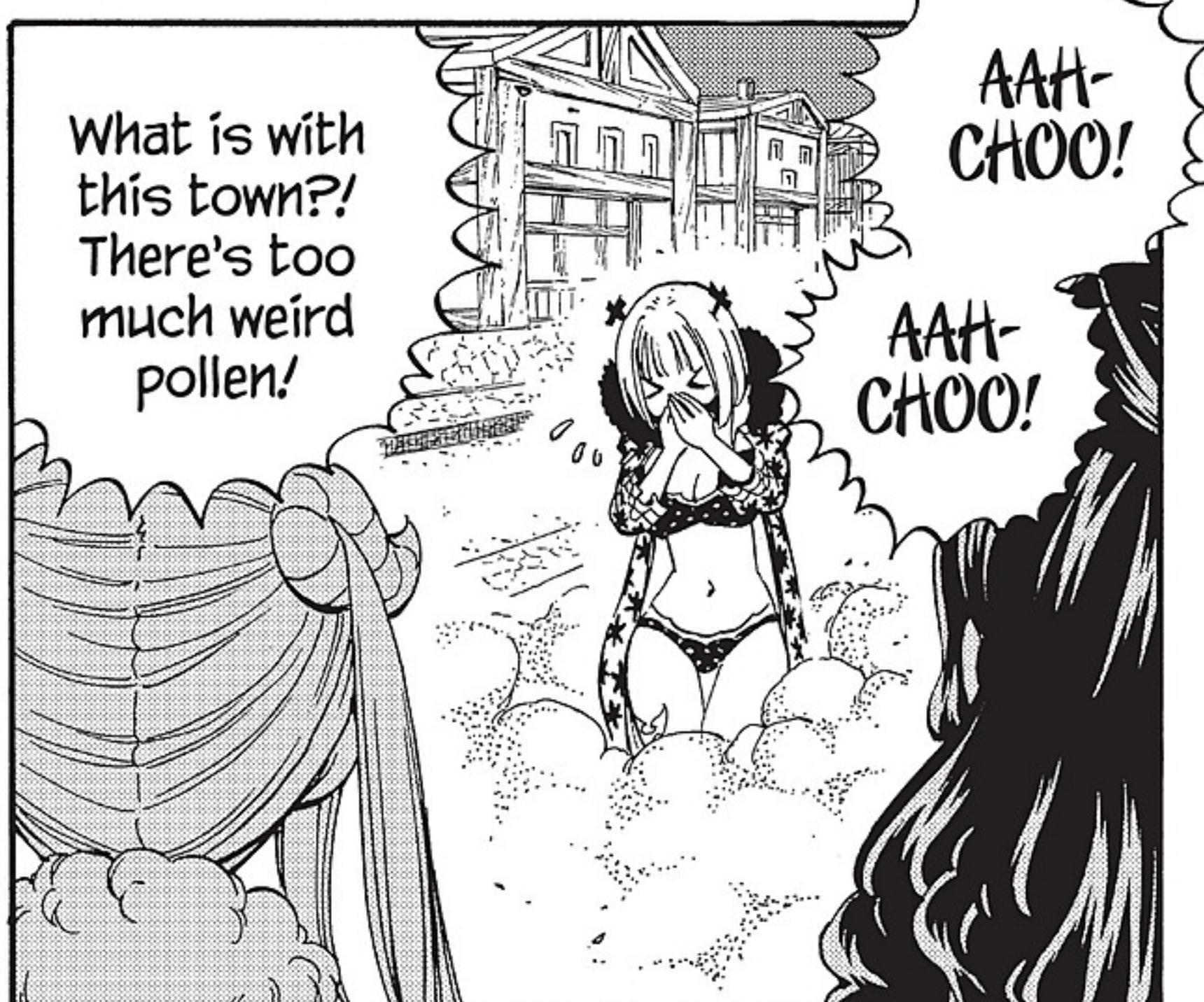
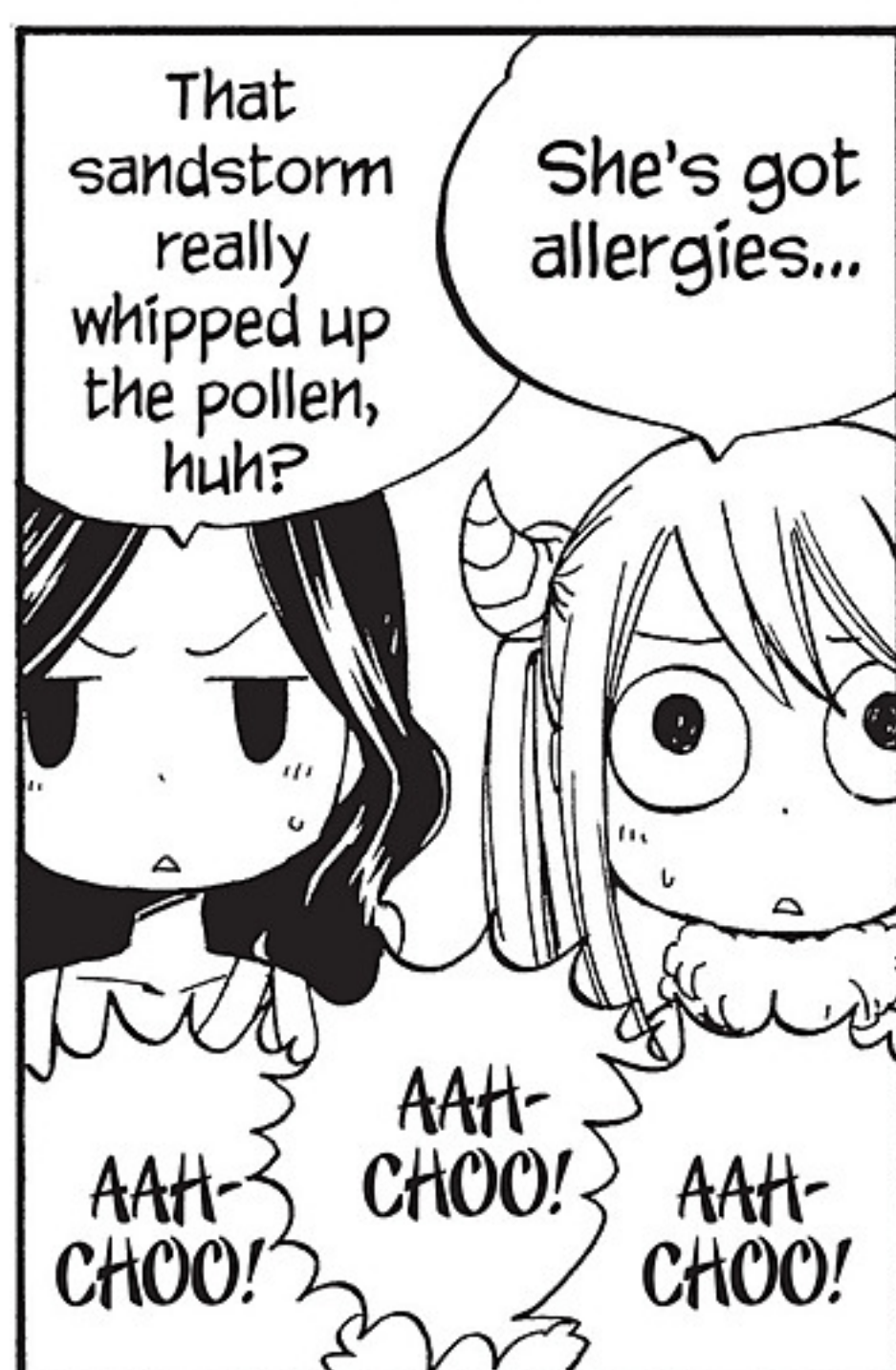
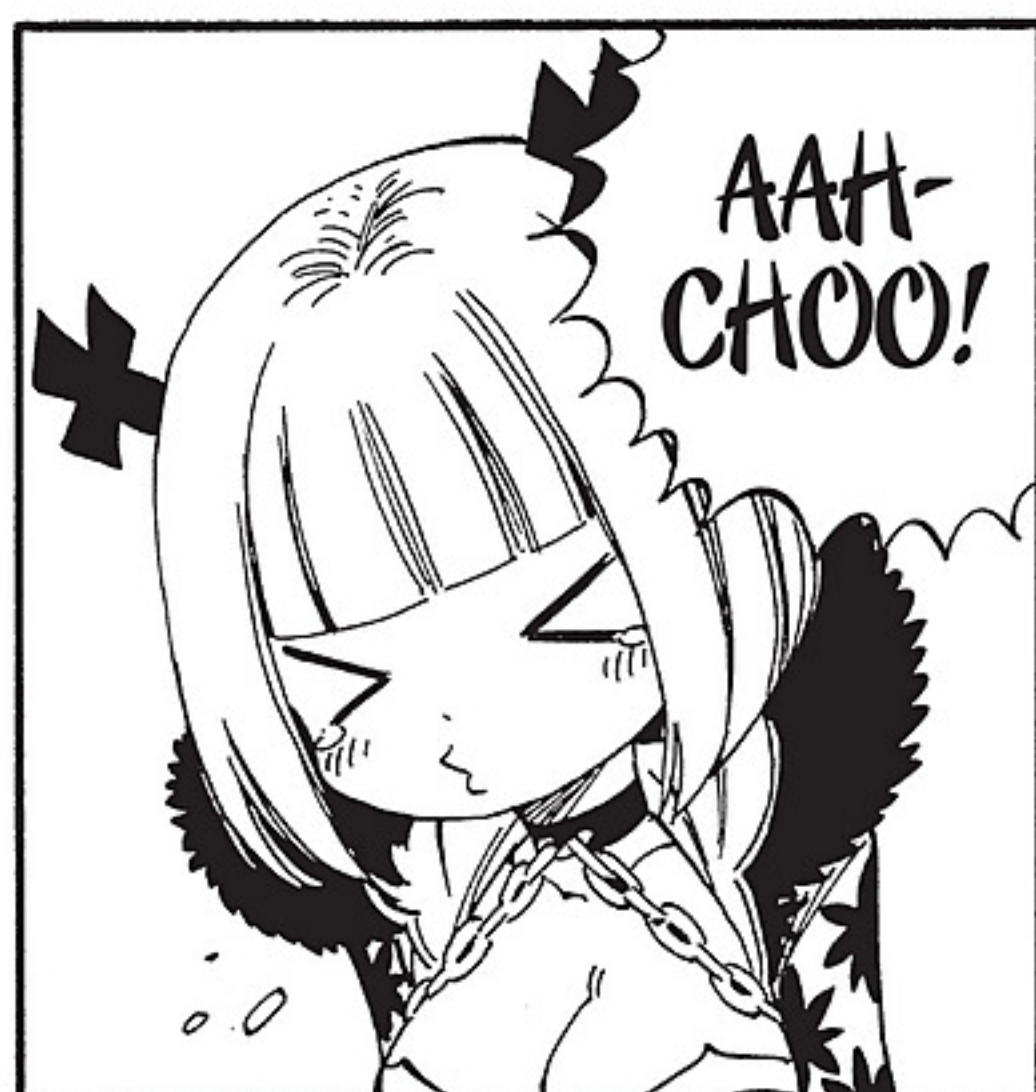


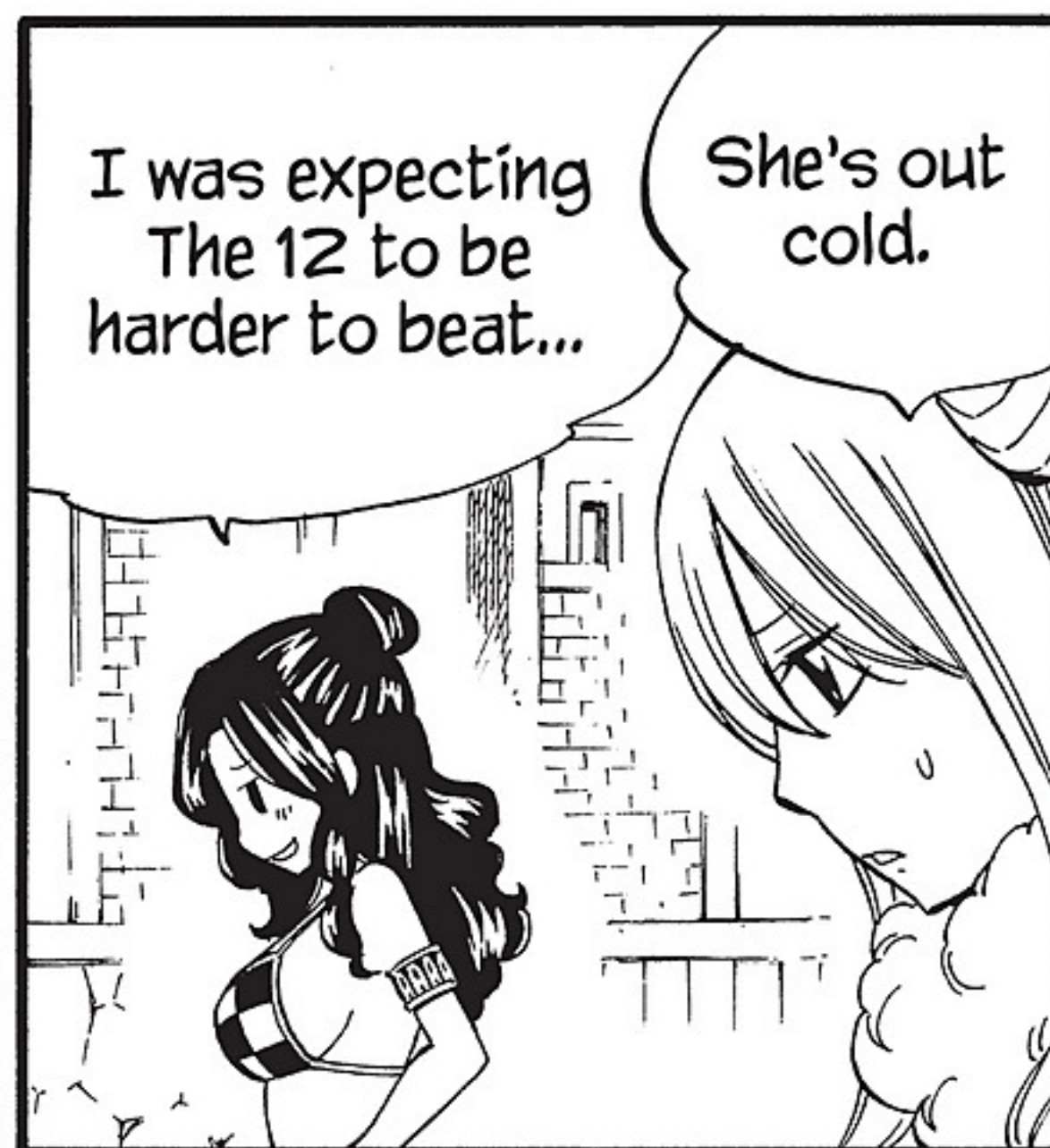
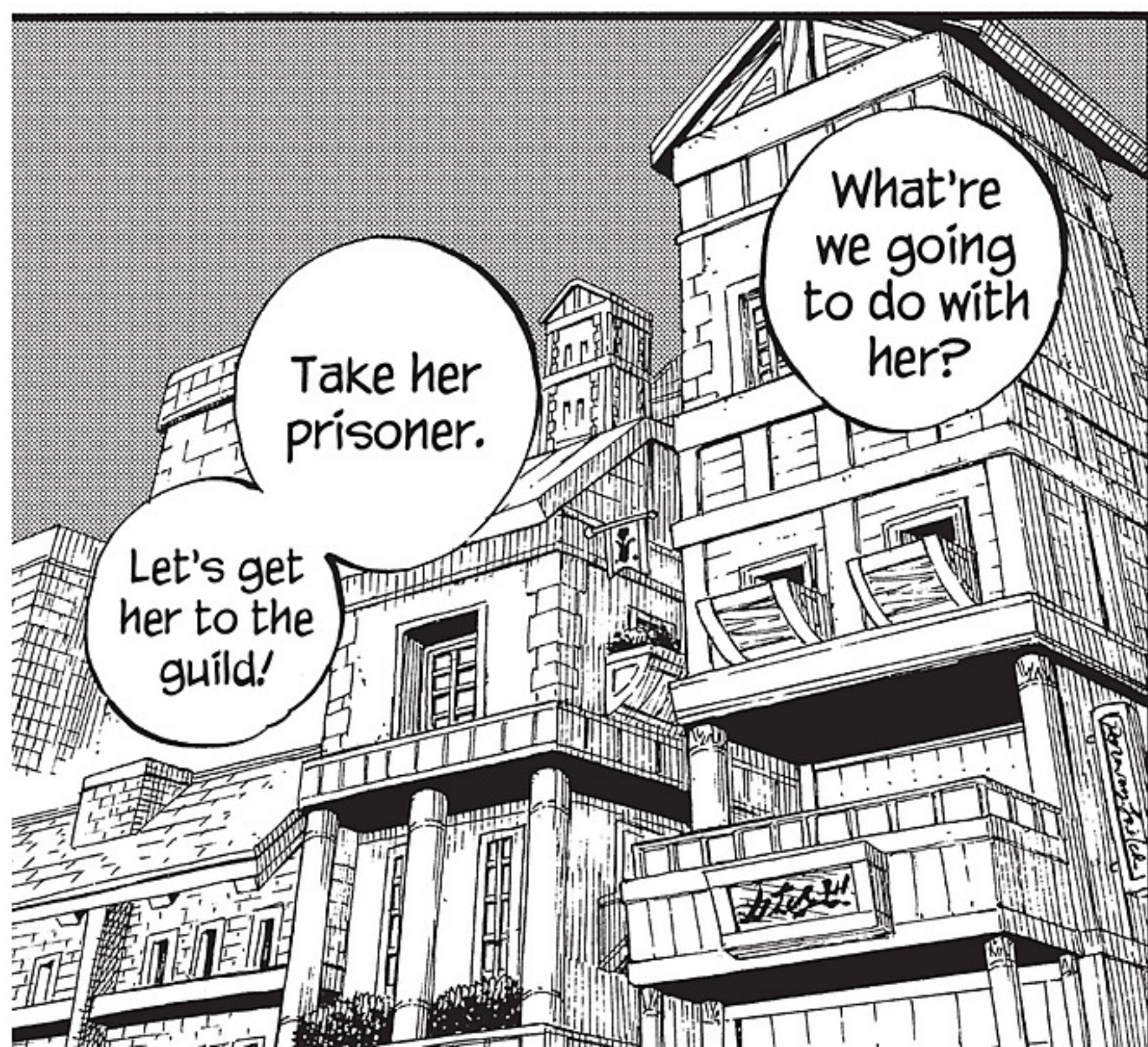
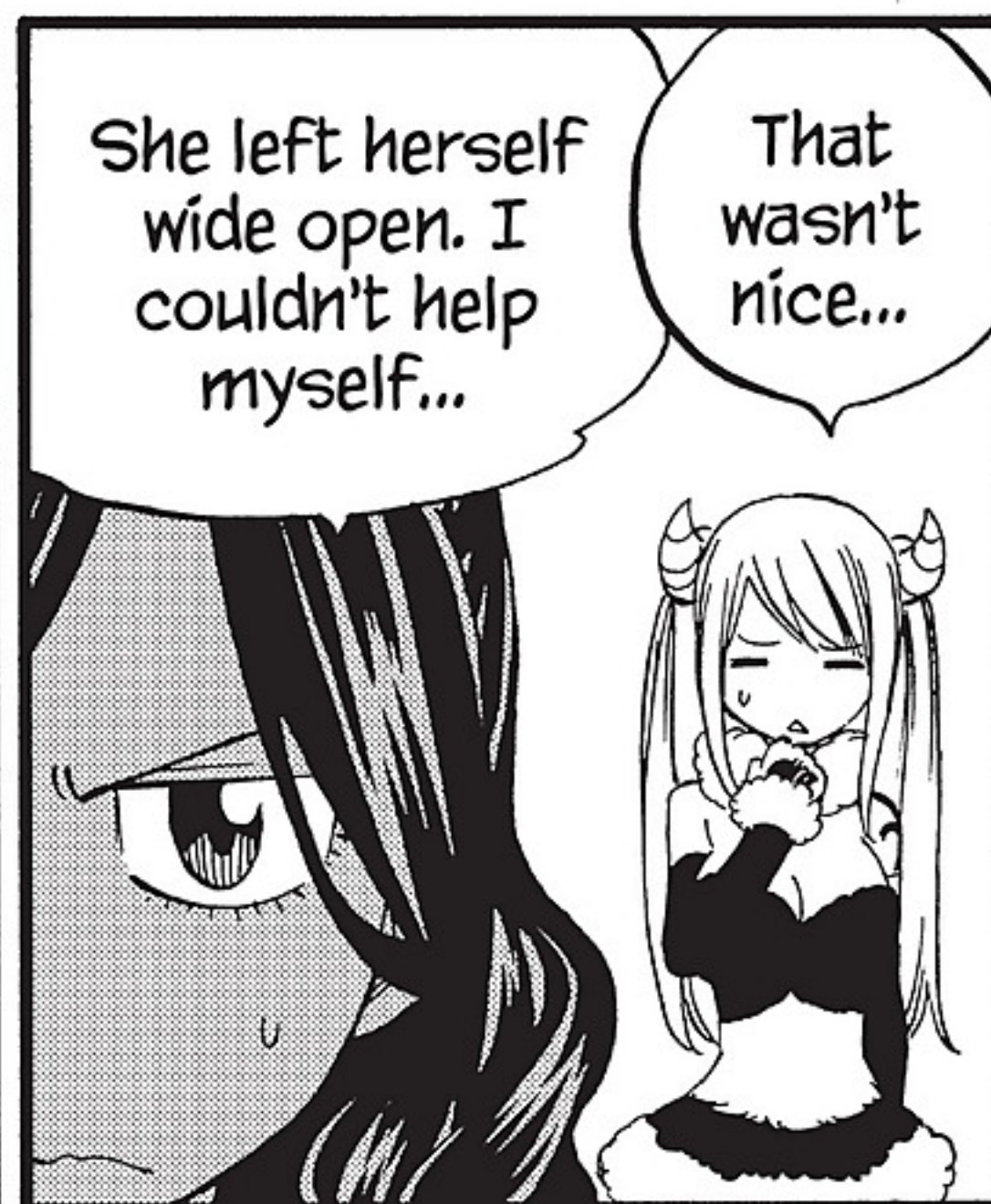
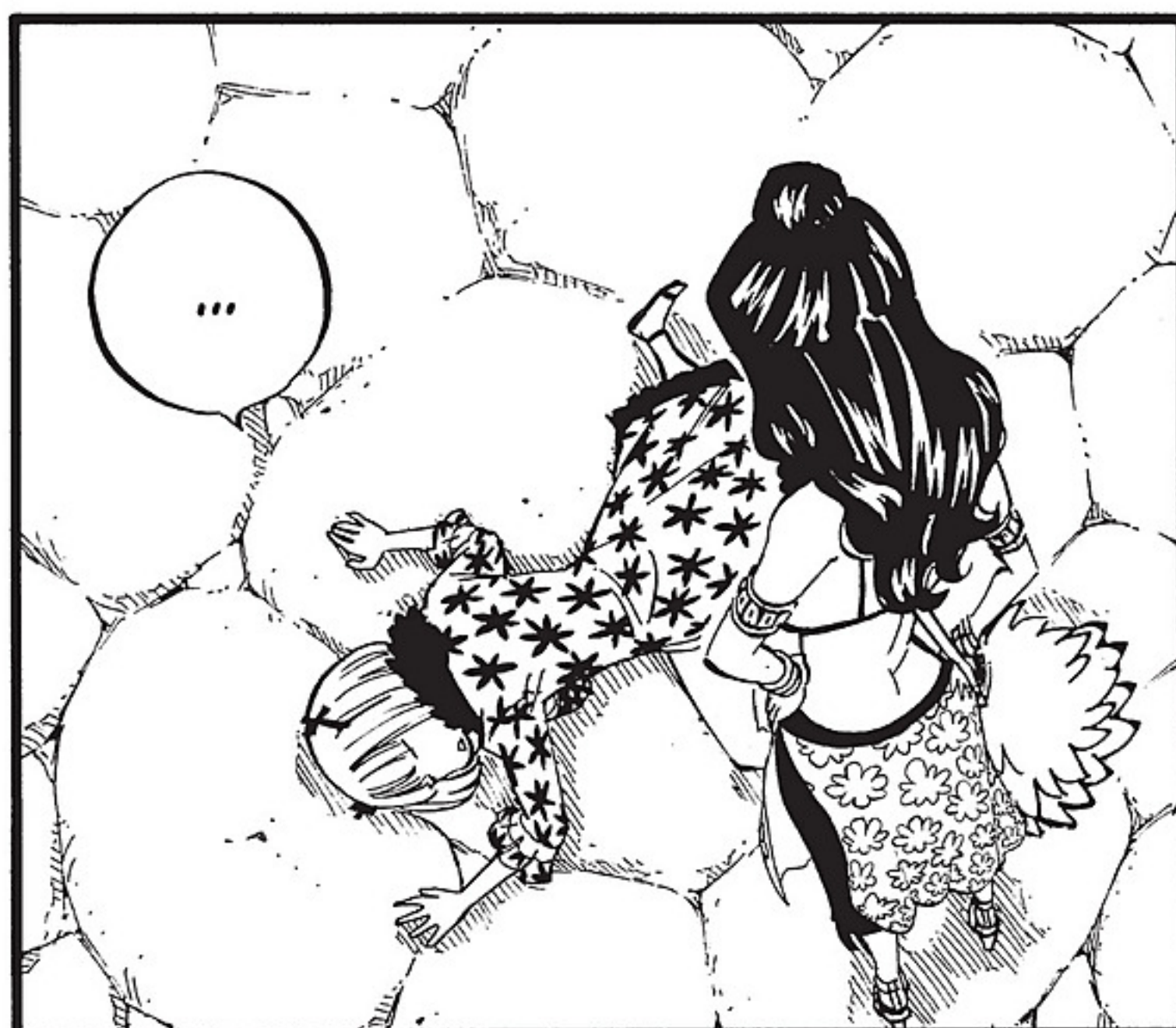
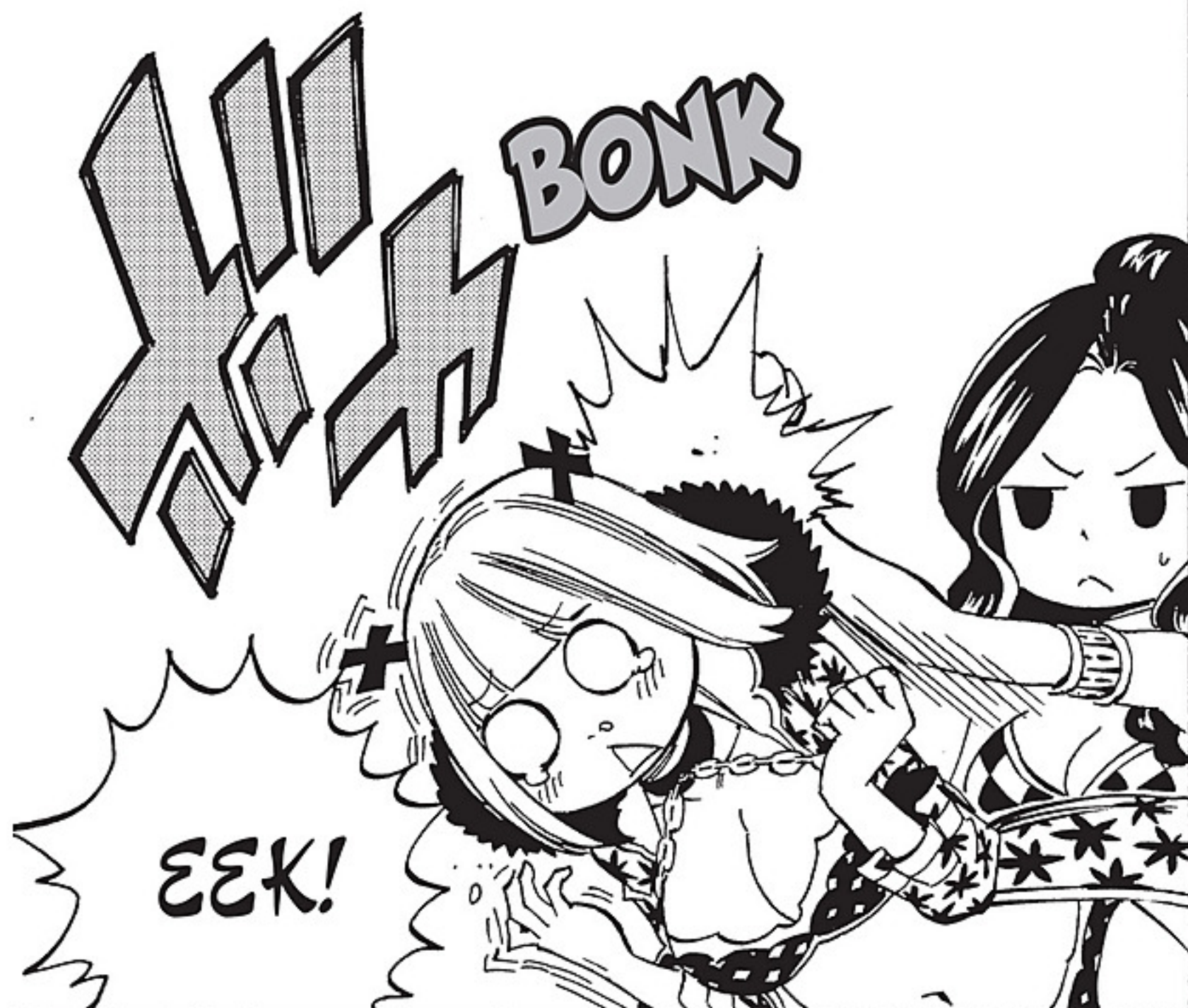


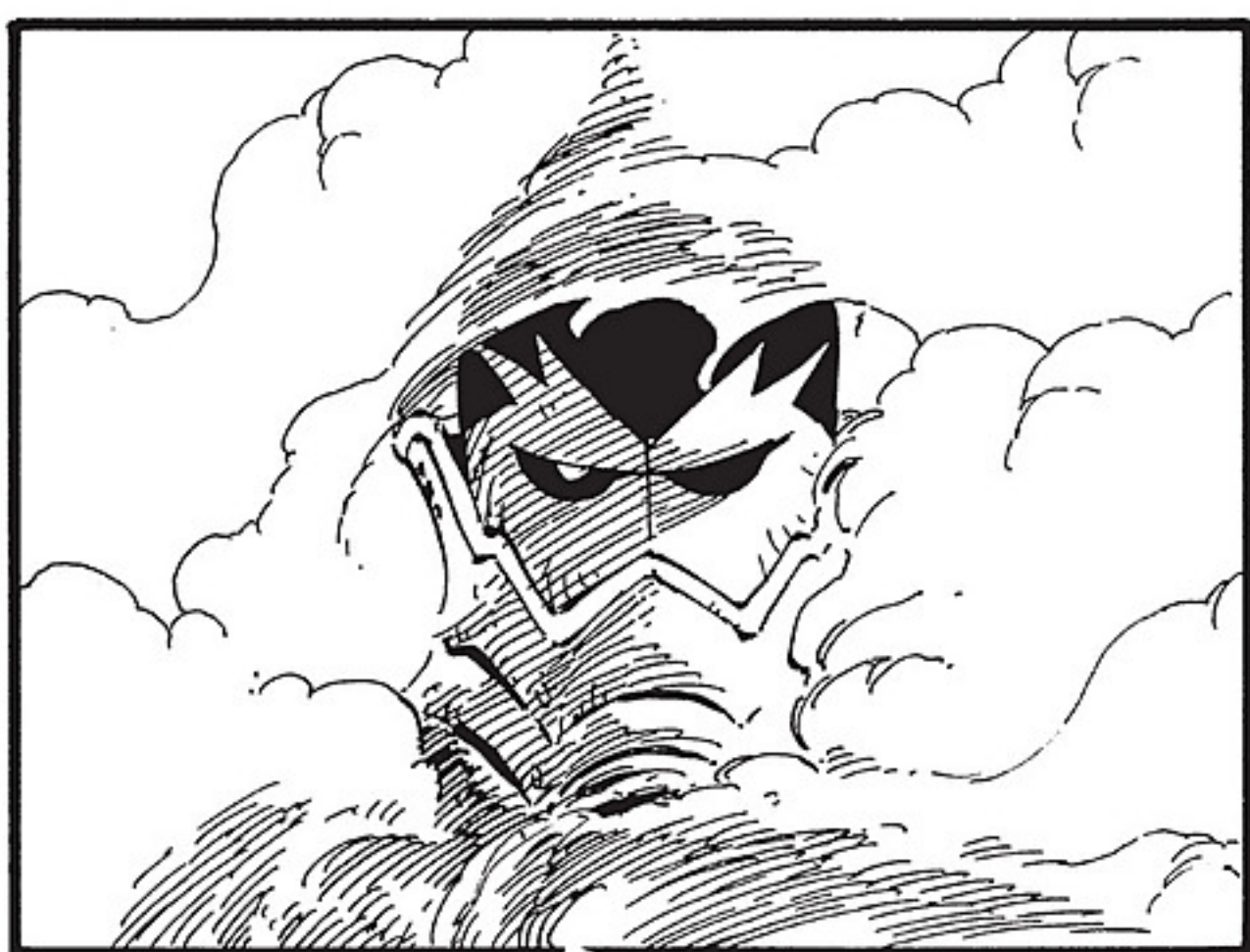
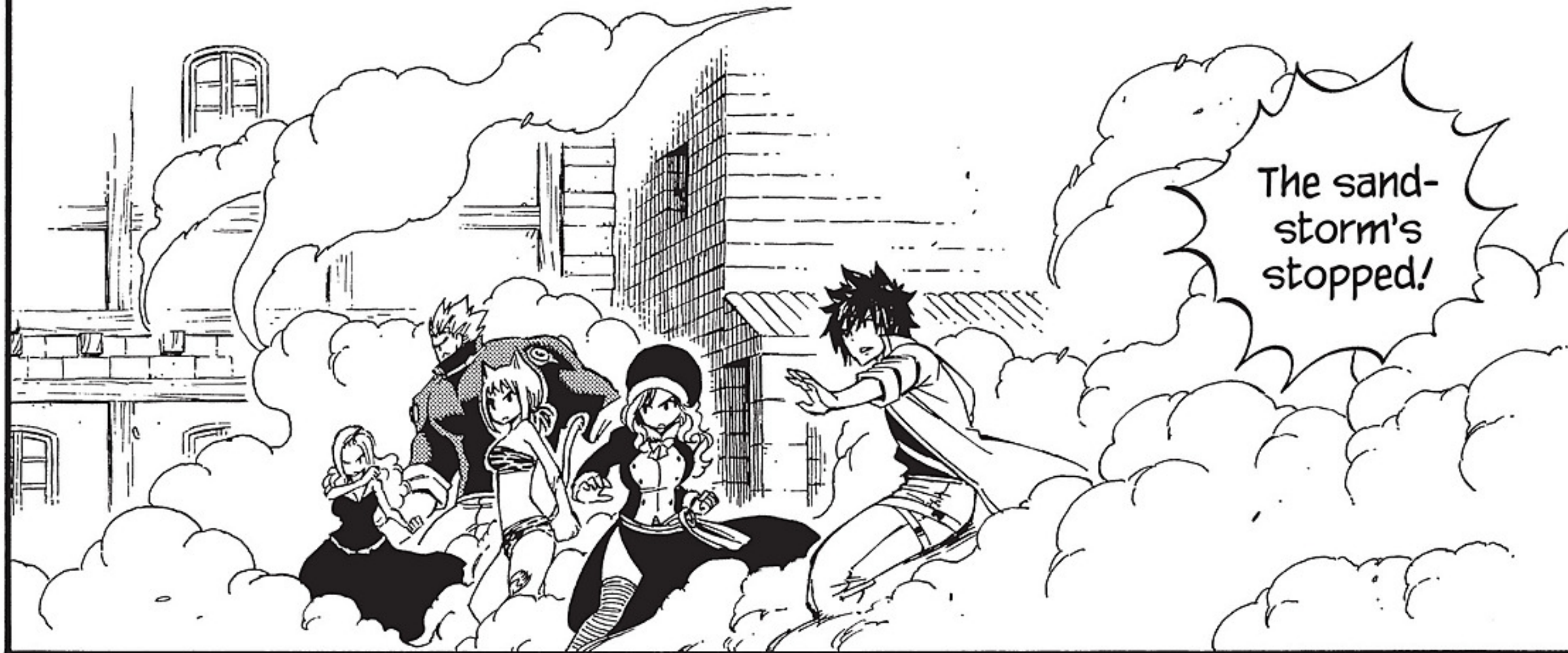


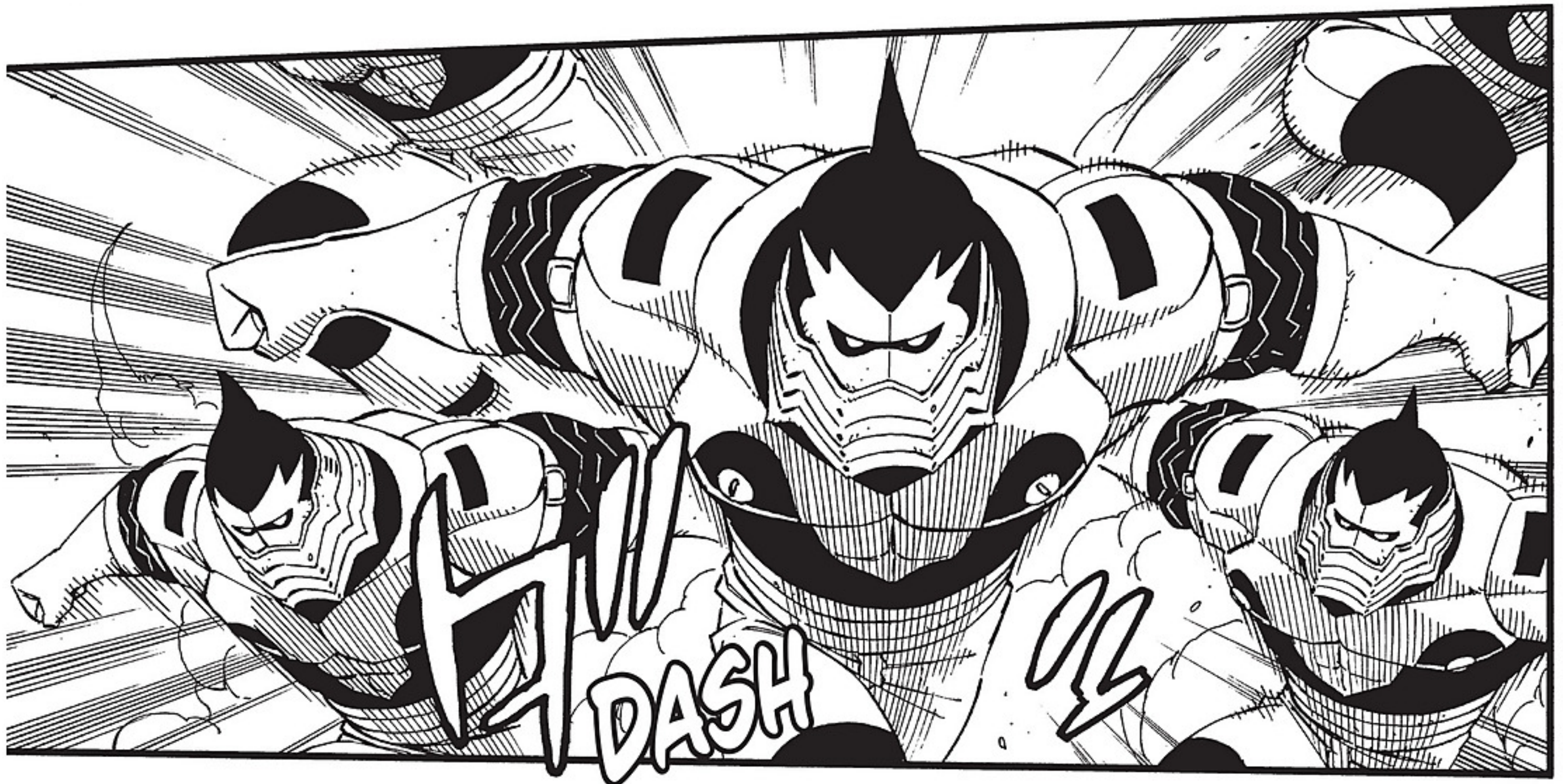


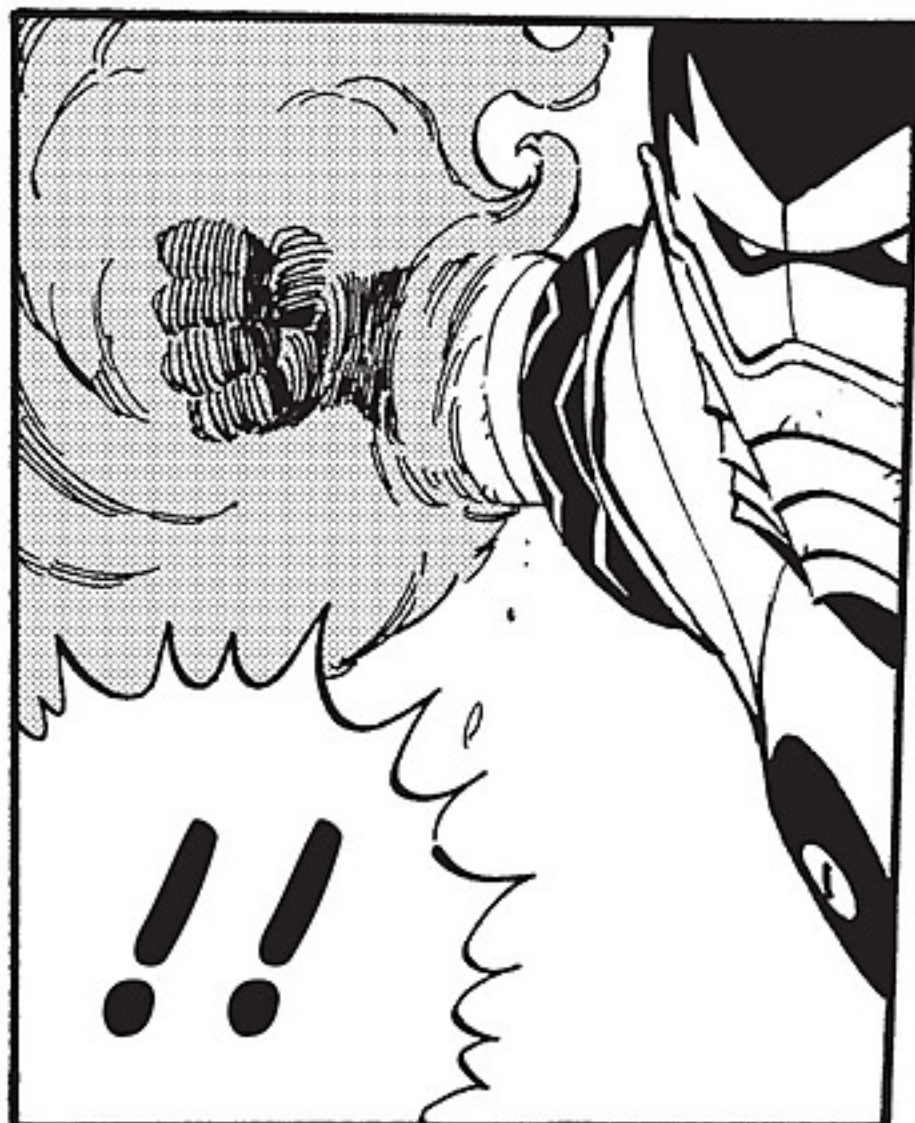
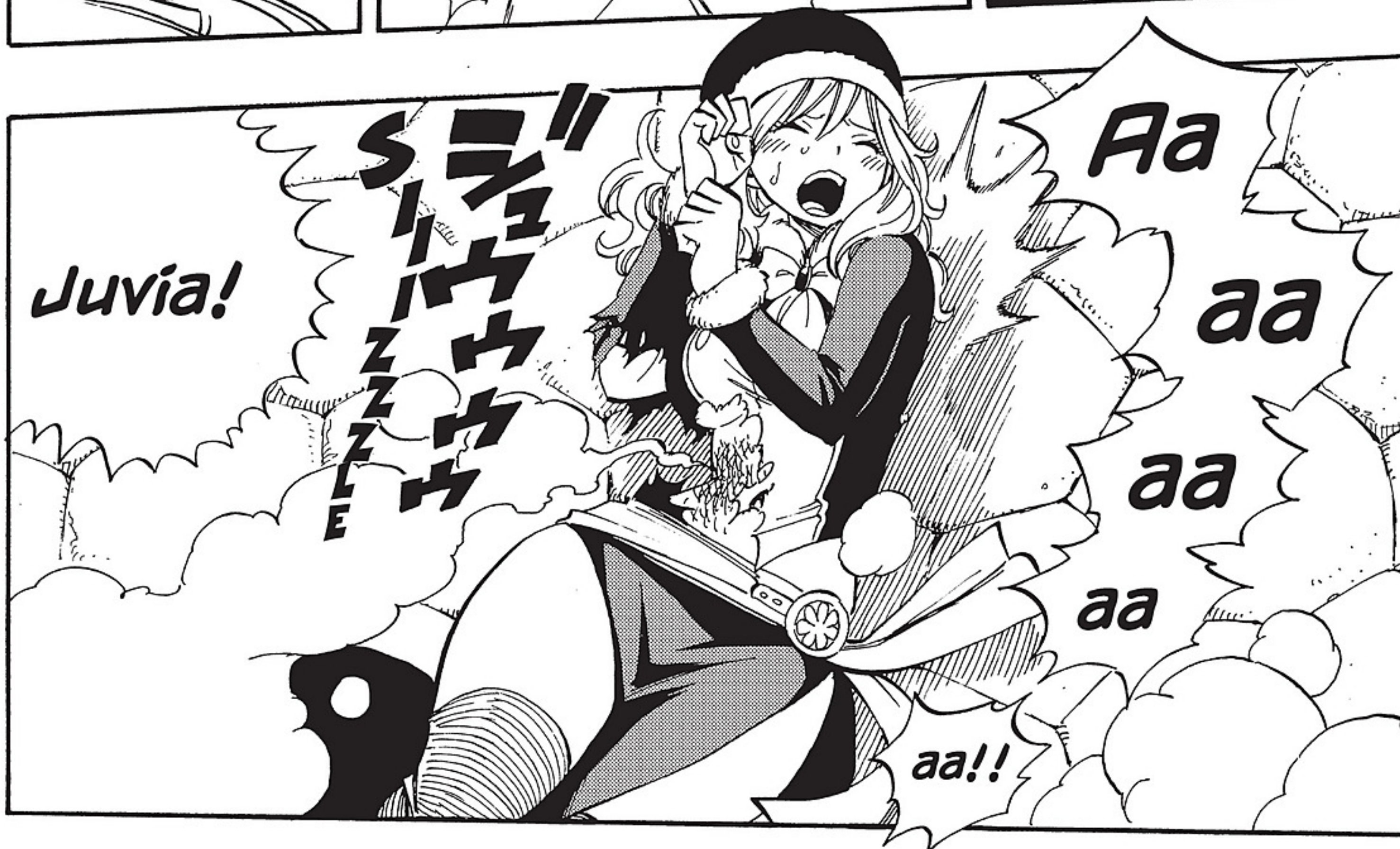








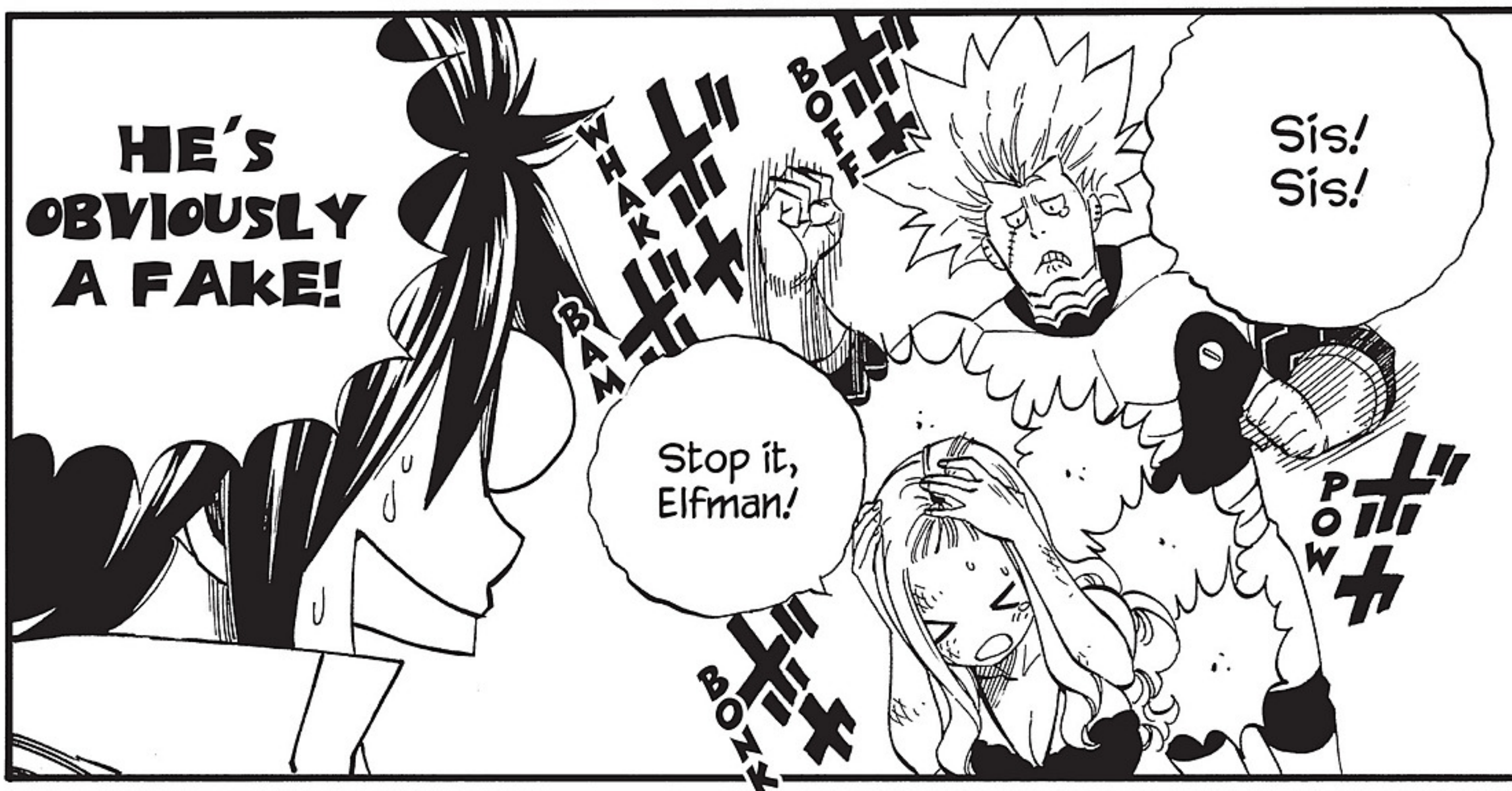
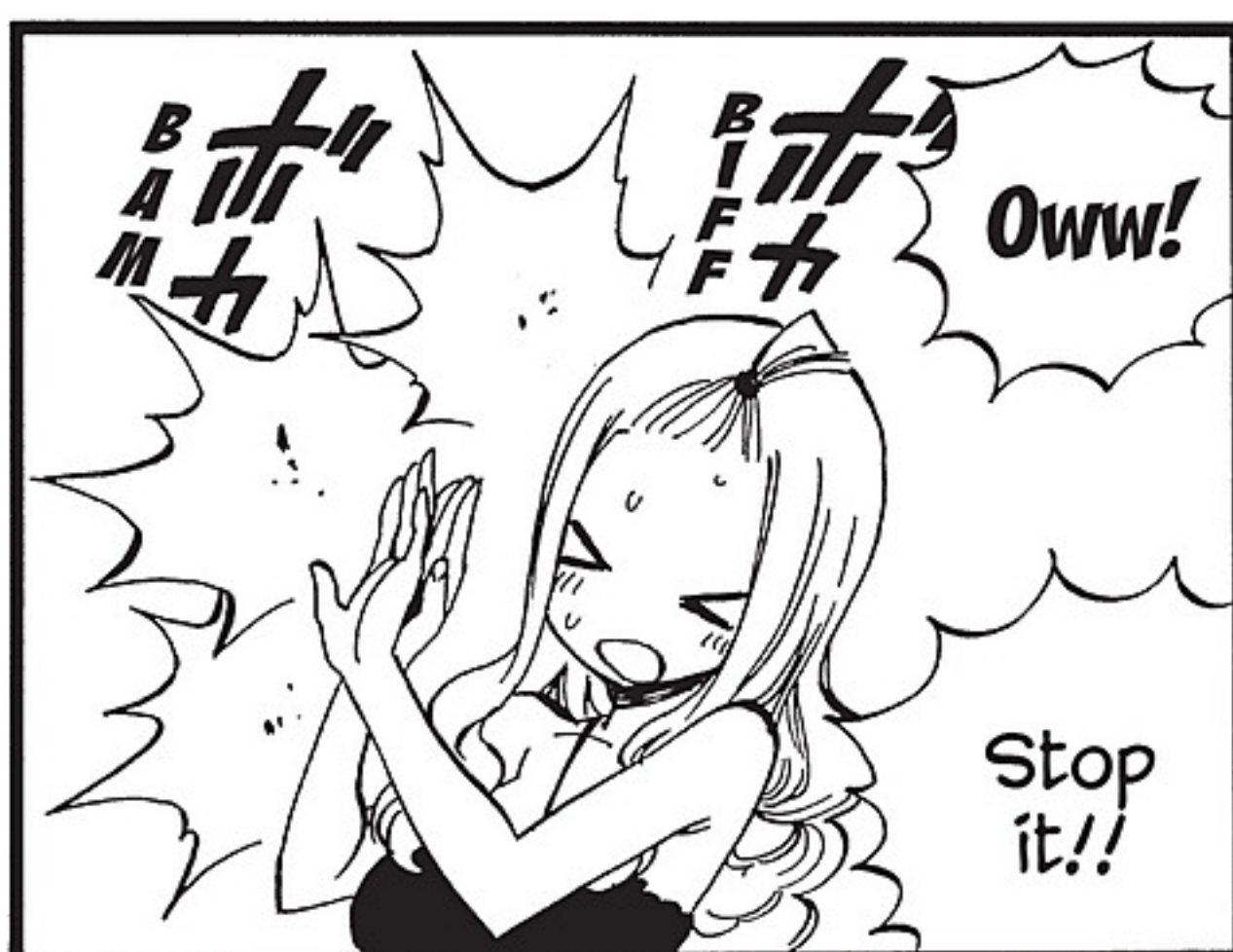


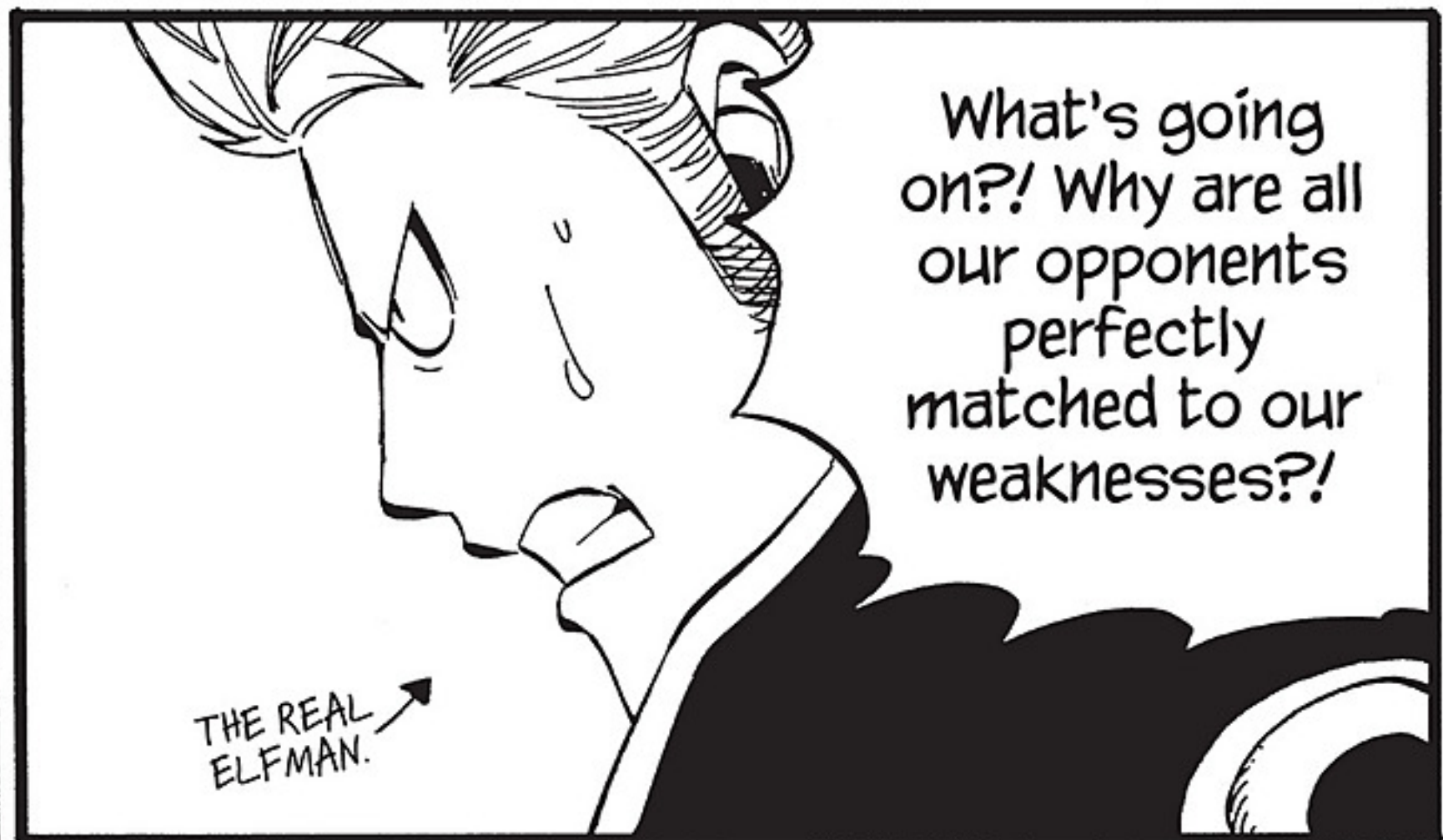


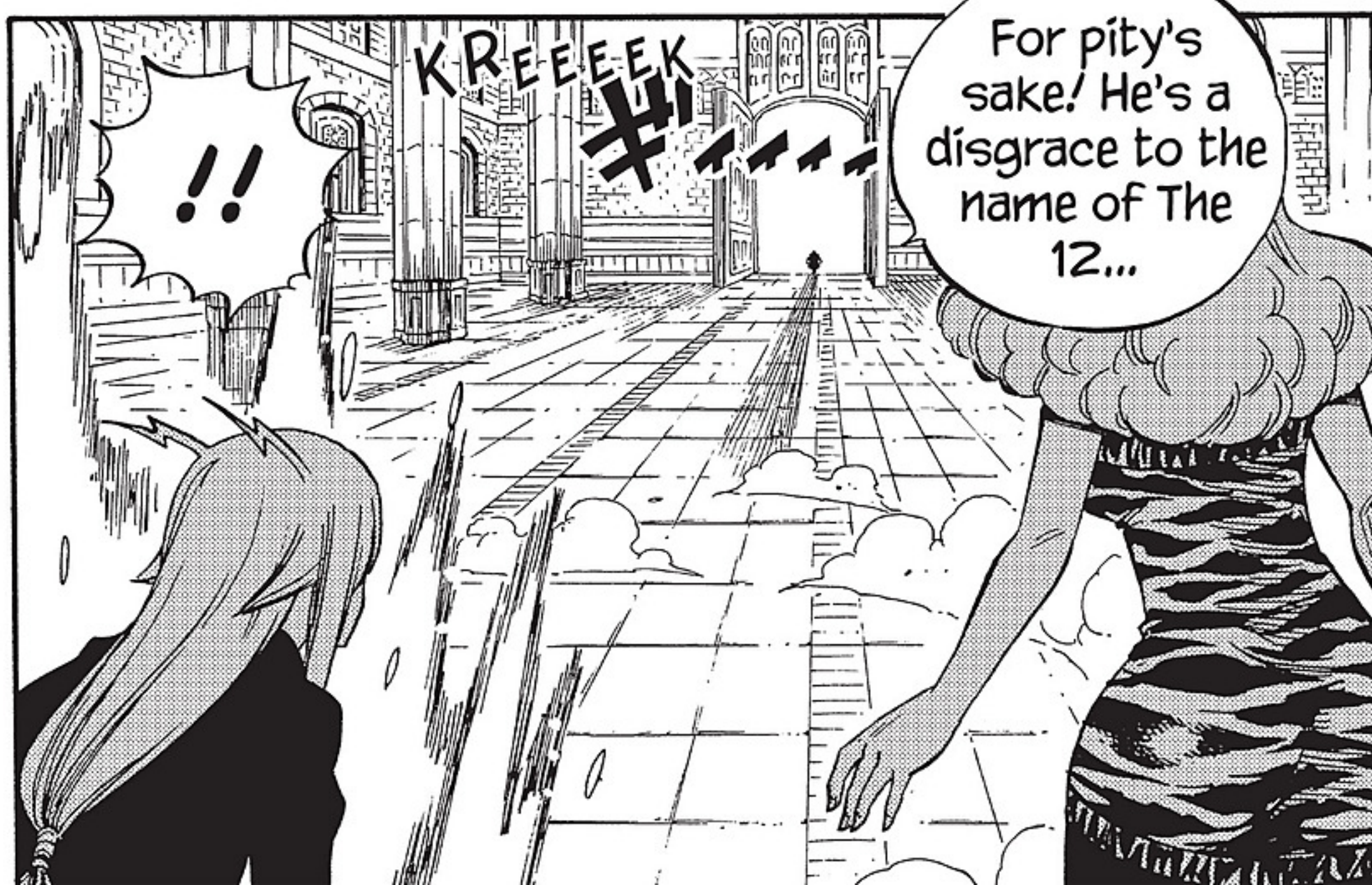
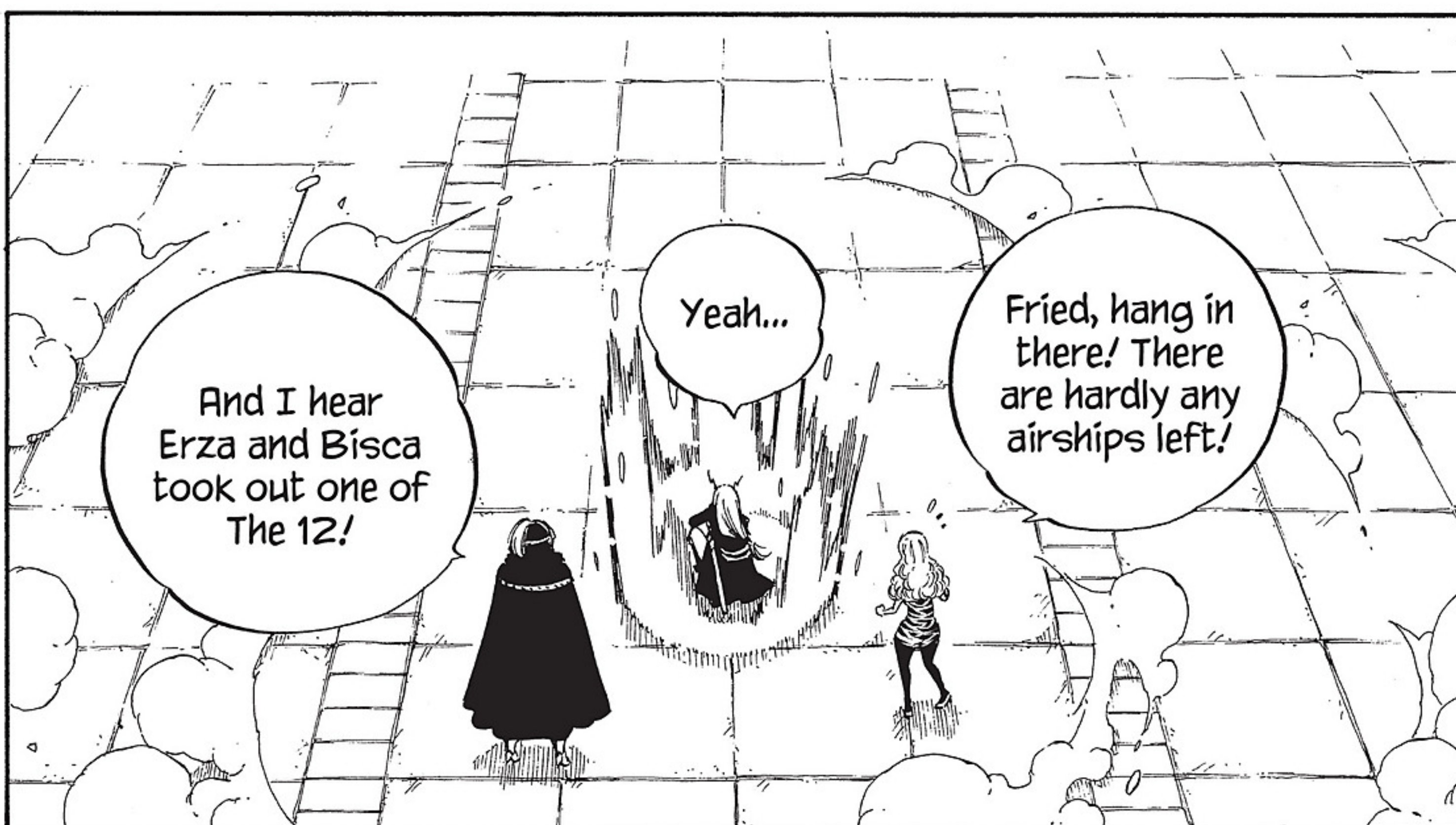


And this guy's armor is too hard!

What's with this guy?! He's way too fast!









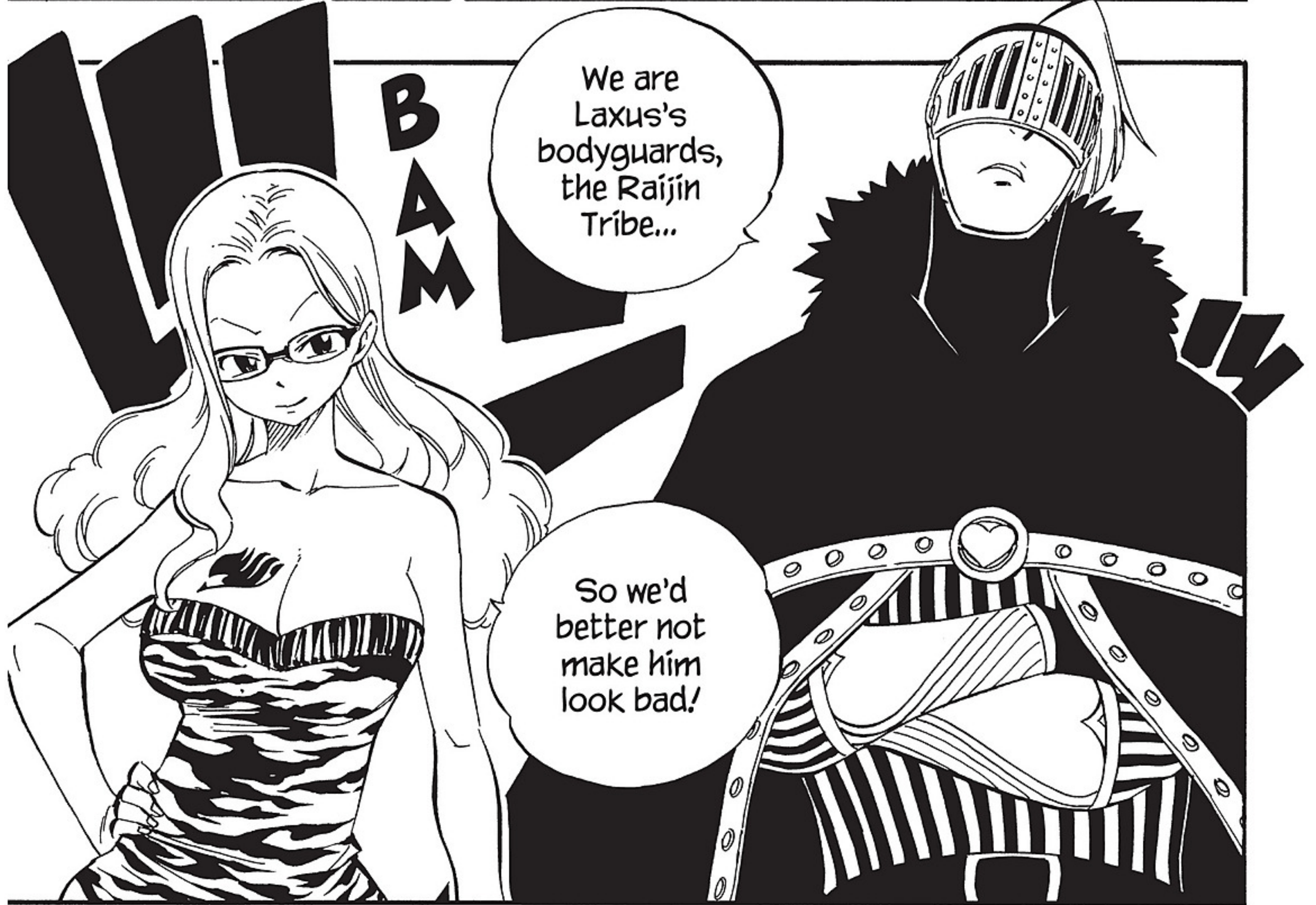
Right!

Just
leave him
to us!



I can't move
when casting
a high-level
jutsu-shiki...

Sorry,
but I'm
counting
on you
two!



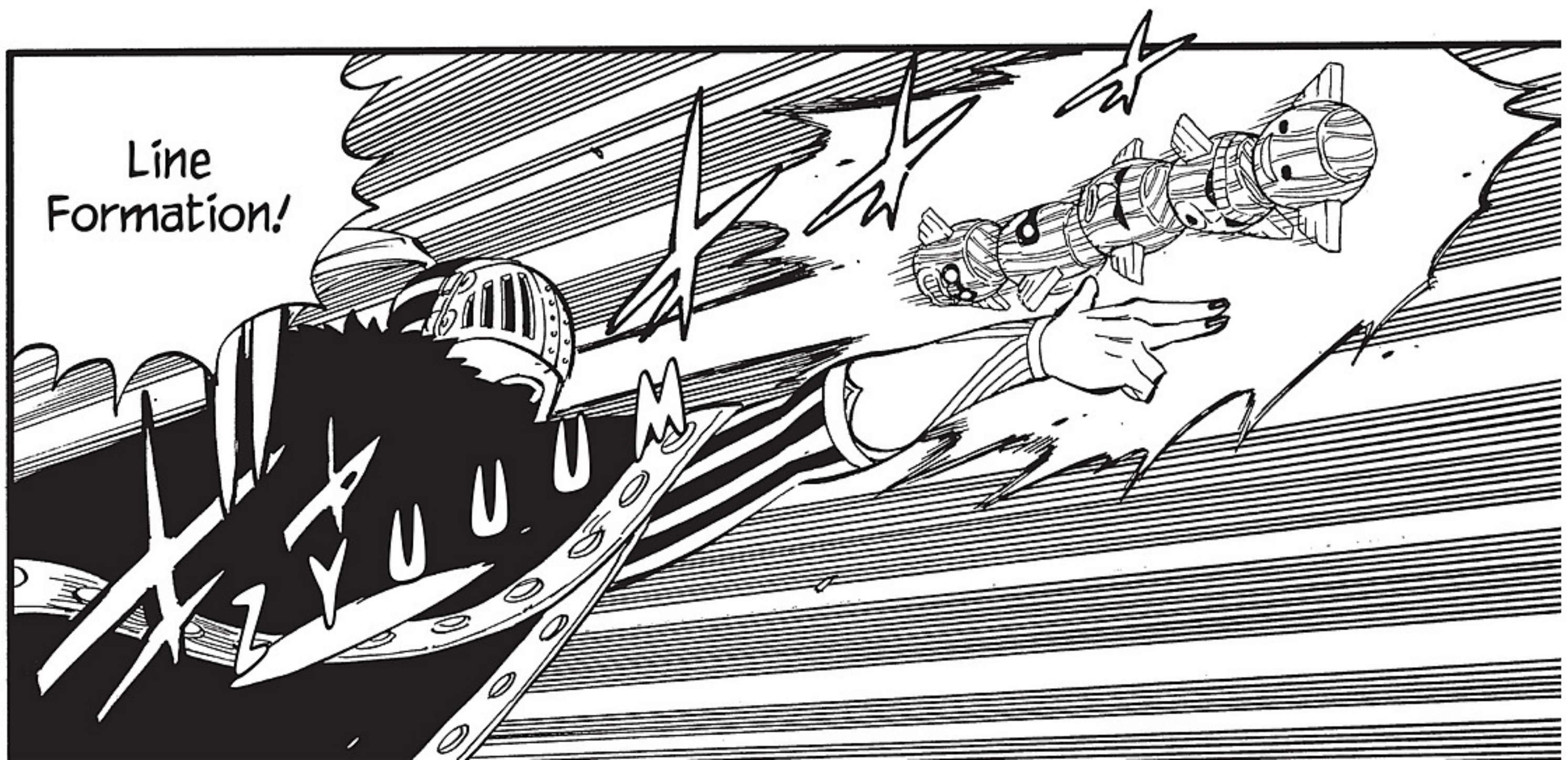
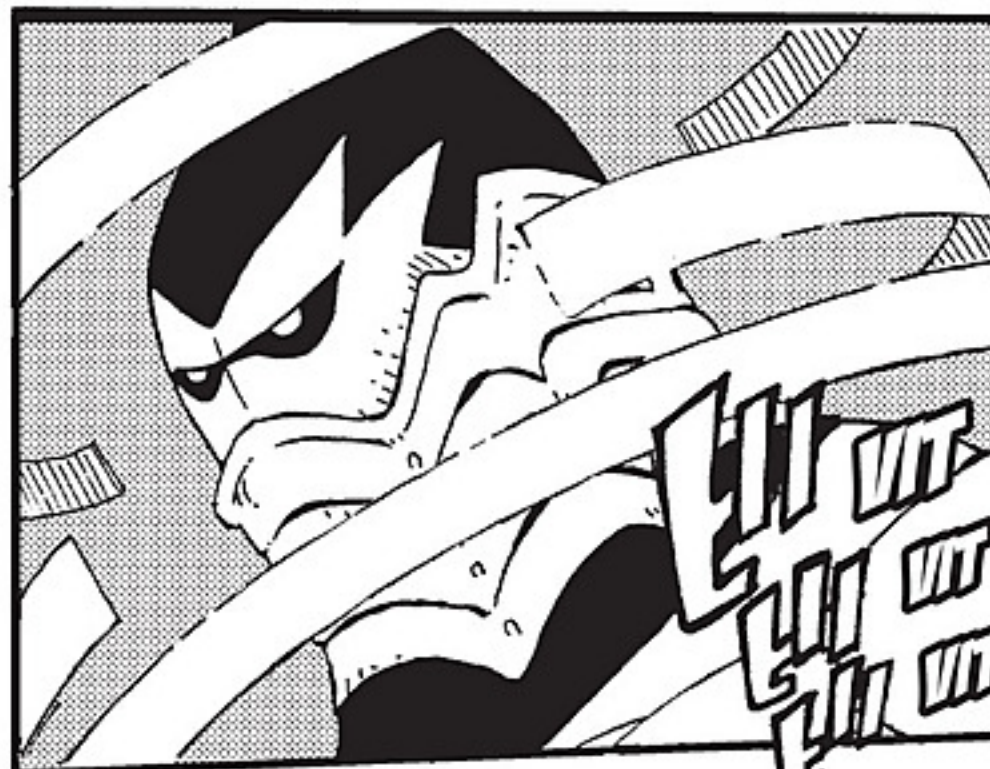
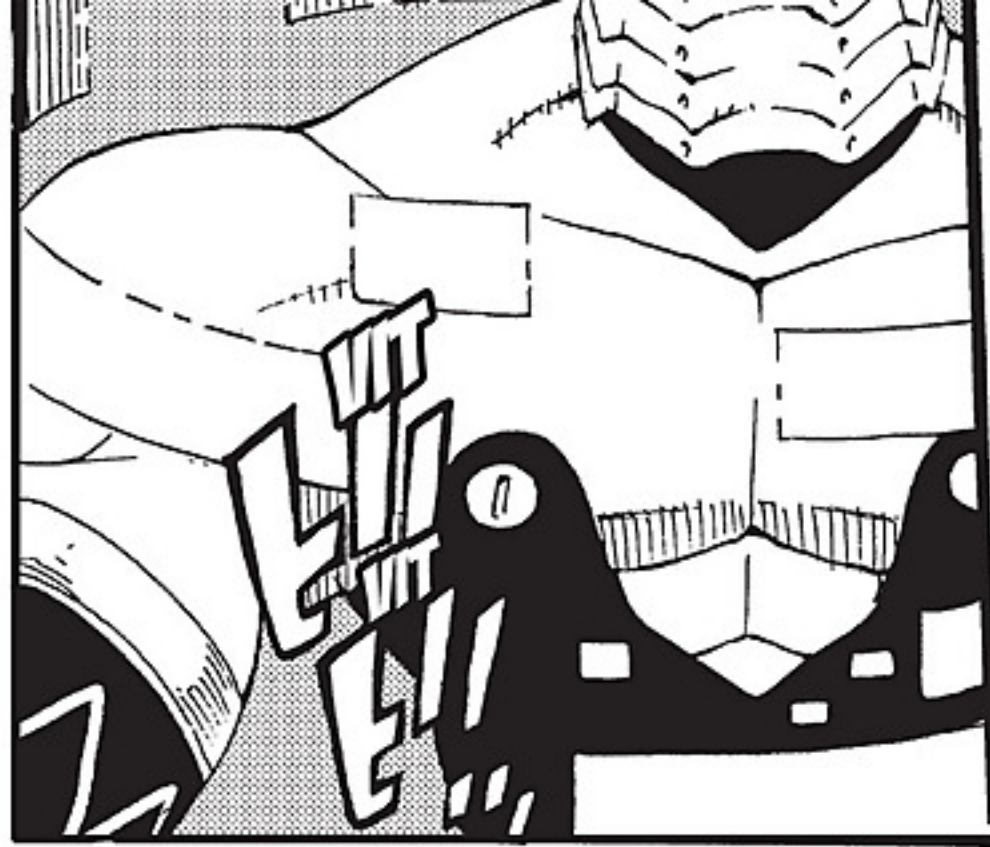
We are
Lexus's
bodyguards,
the Raijin
Tribe...

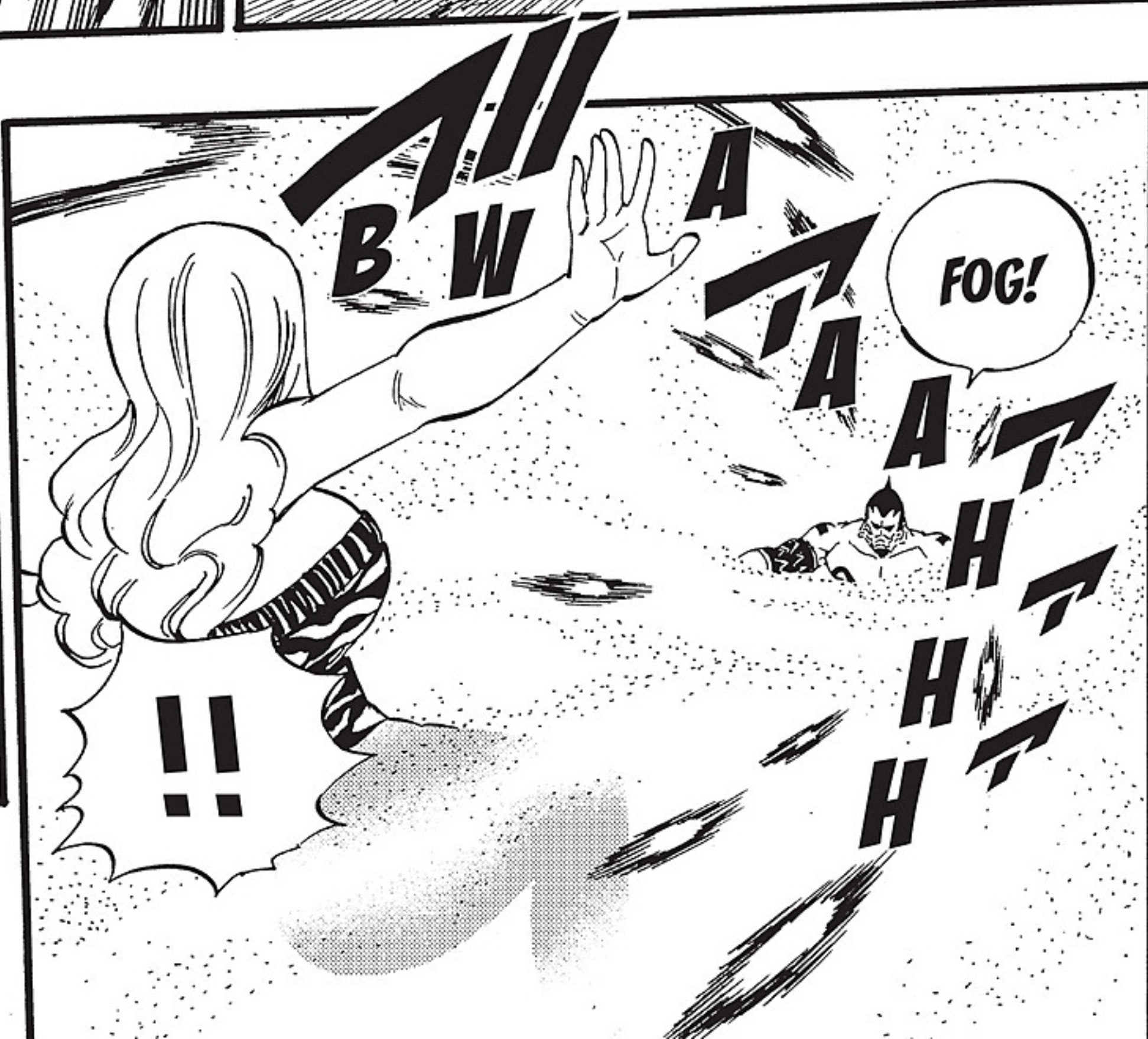
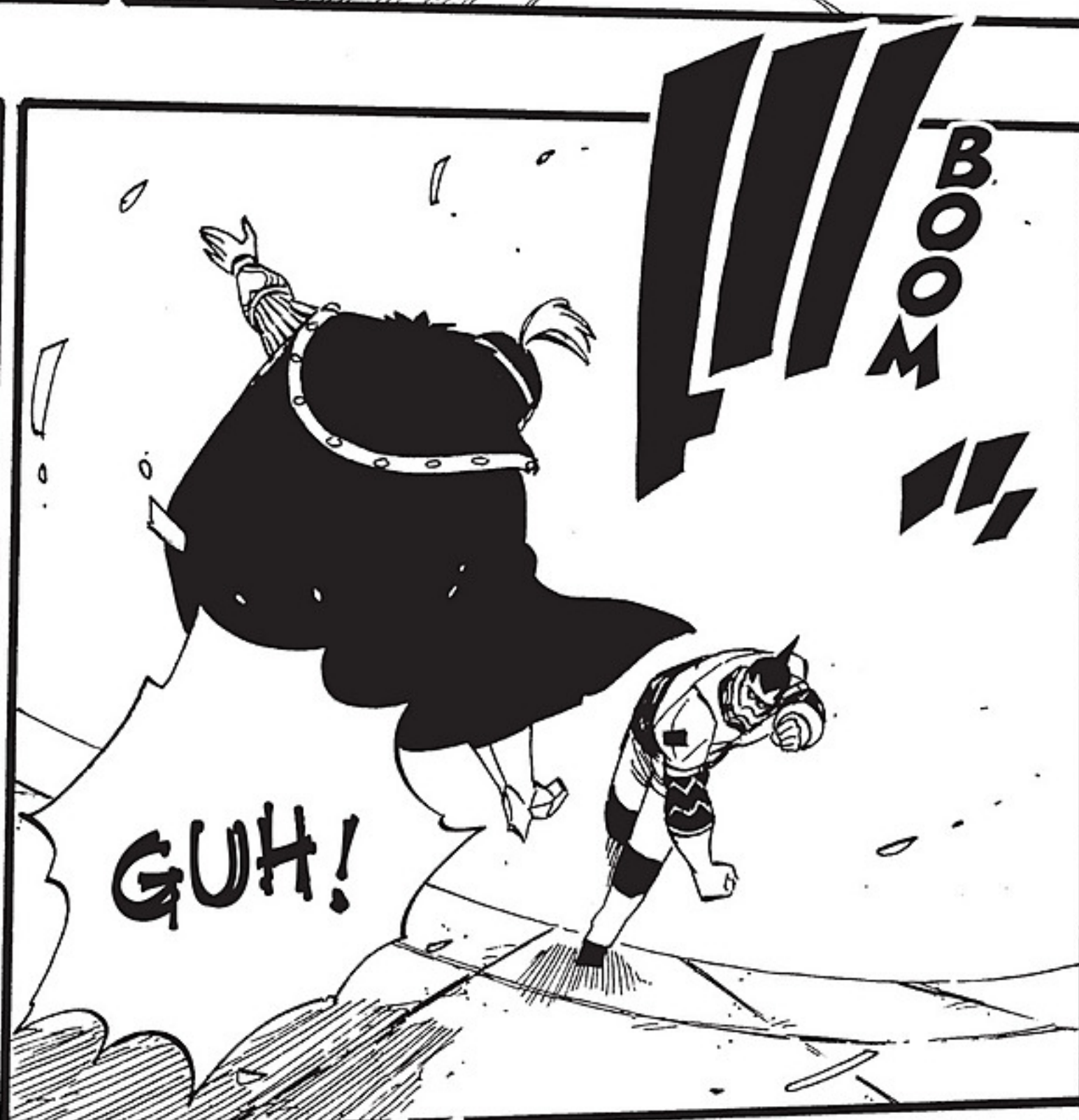
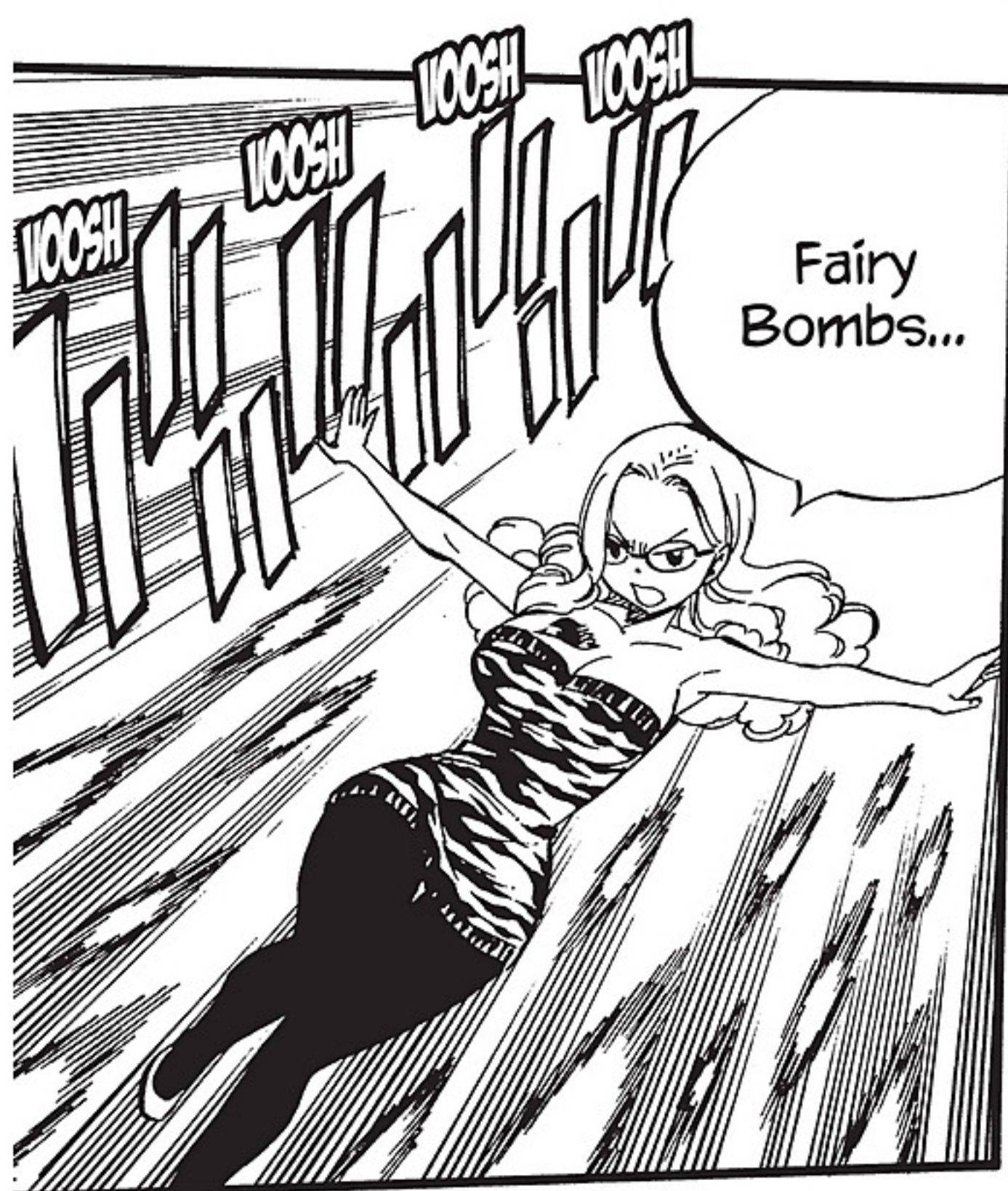
So we'd
better not
make him
look bad!



Yes... I
see your
weaknesses!

I see it. I see
all! Where you
are best, and
where you are
worst!

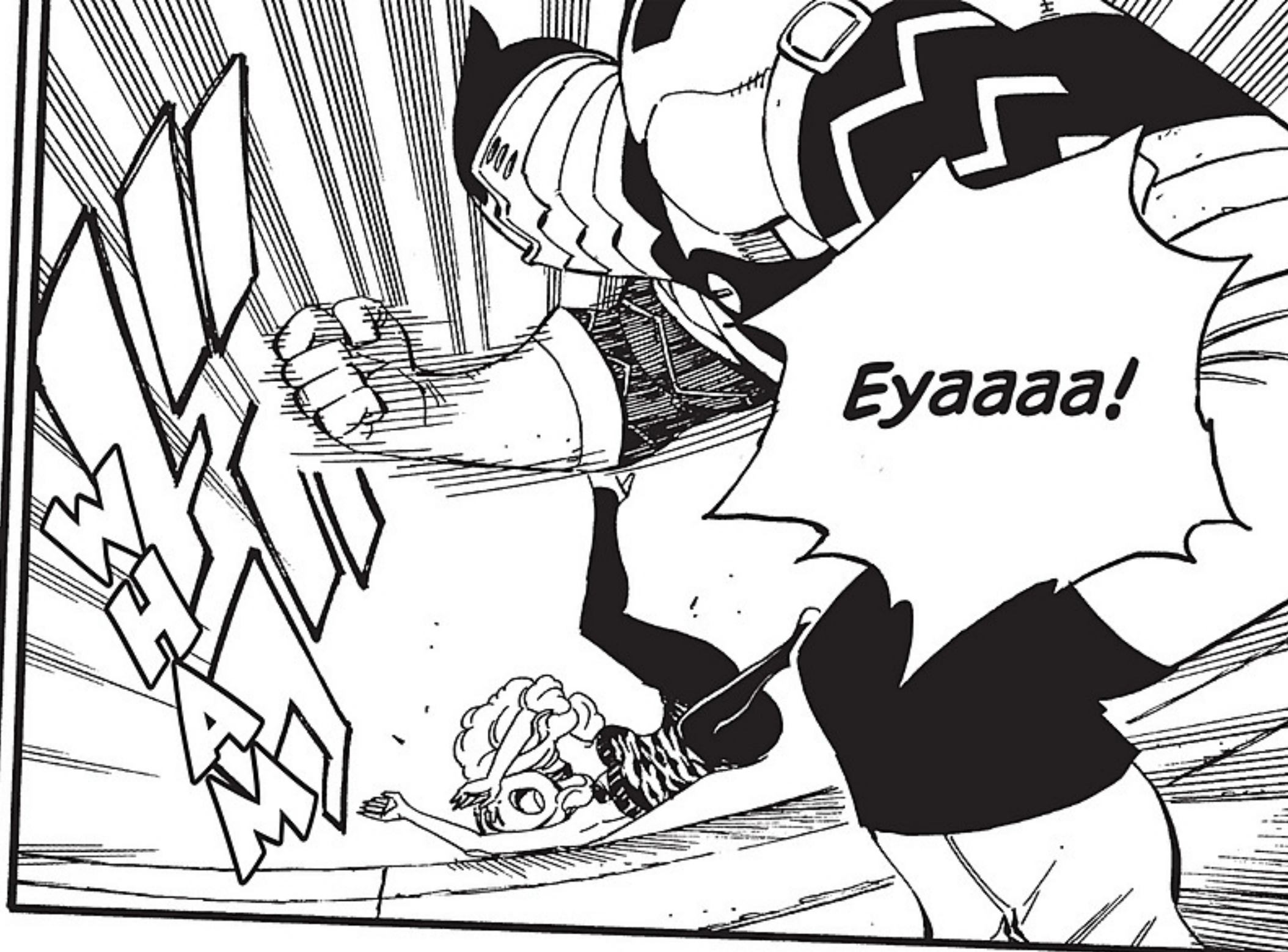




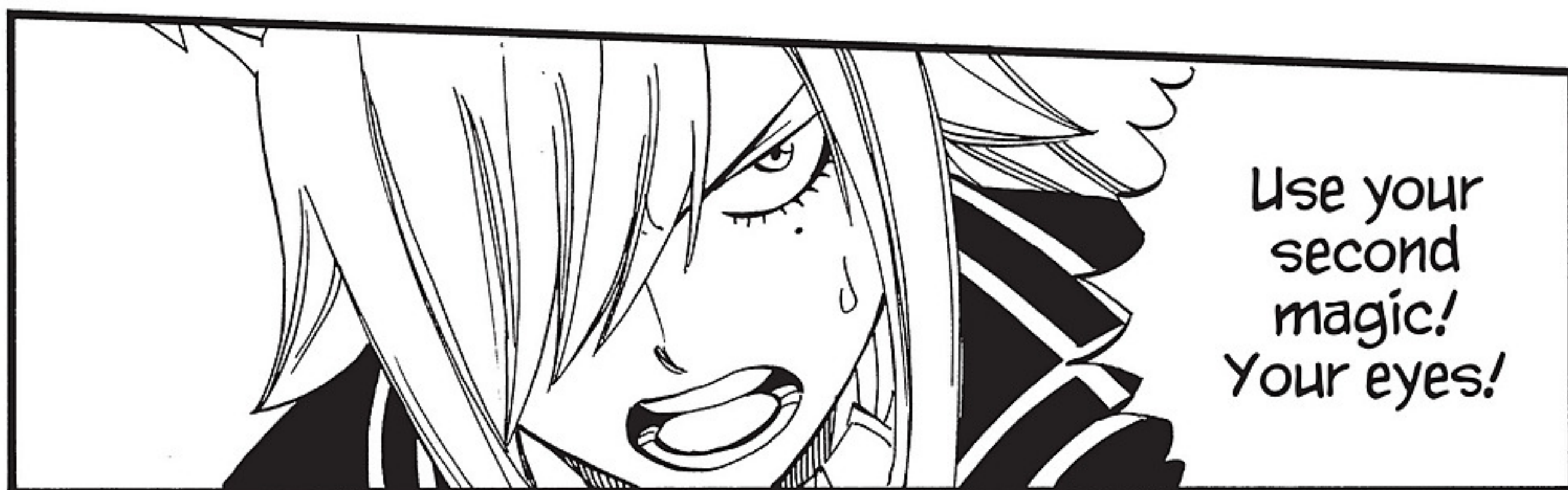


Dammit!

My Black
Magic and his
White Magic
just cancel
each other
out!



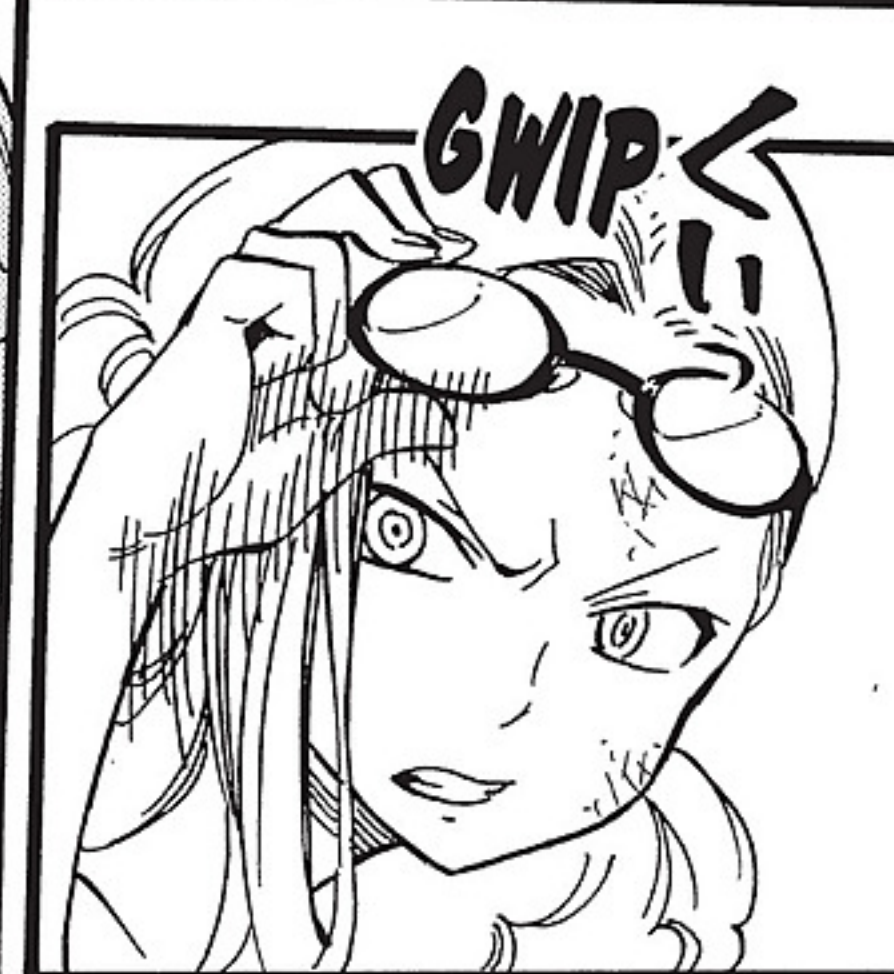
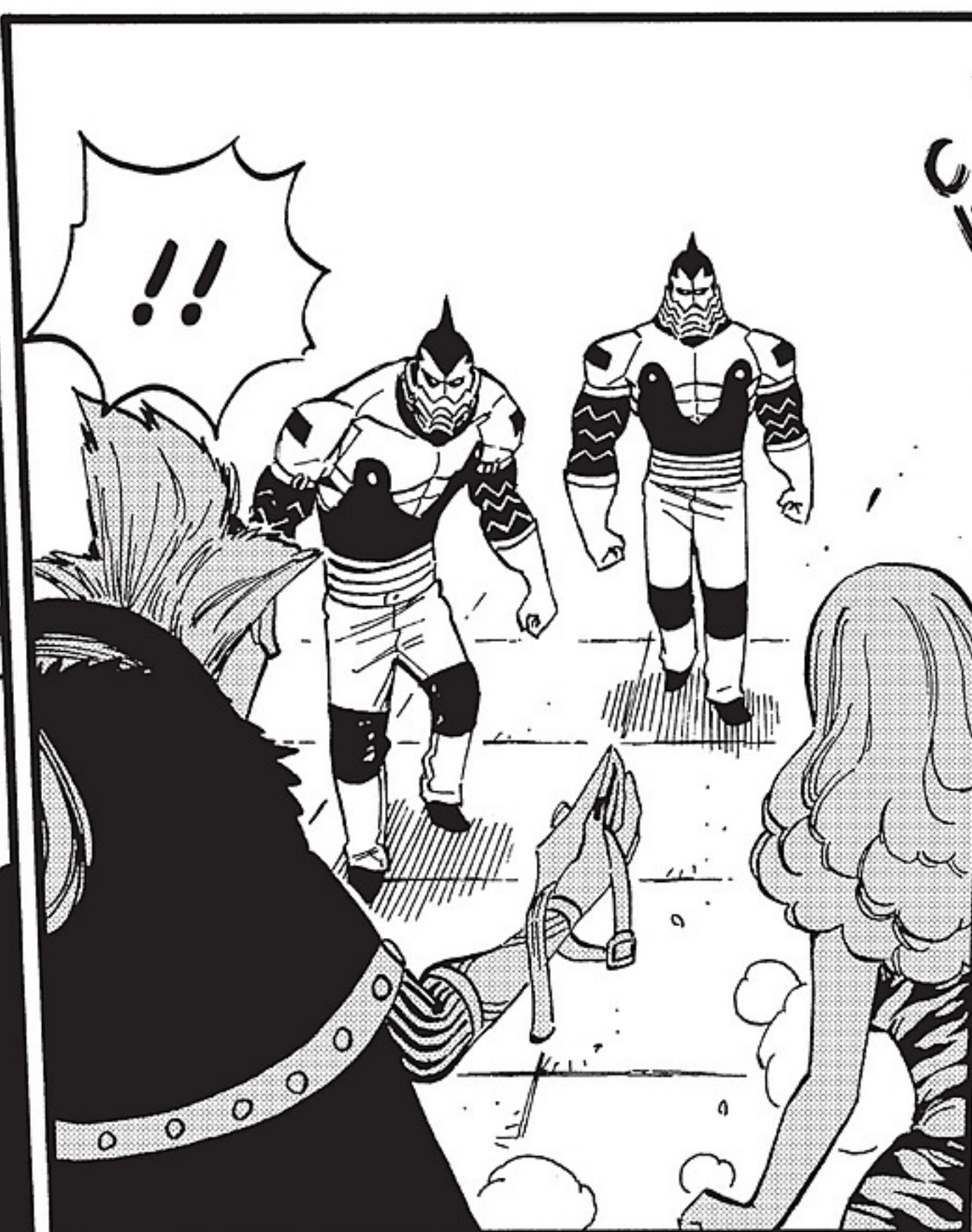
Eyaaaaa!



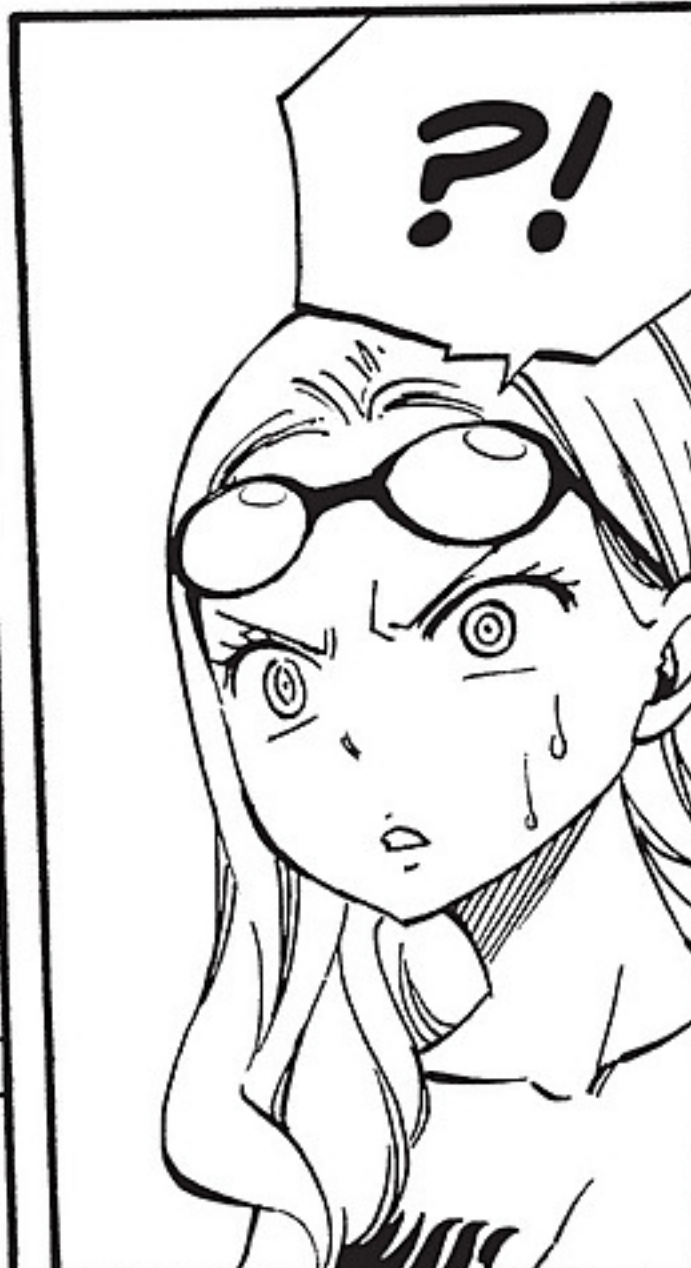
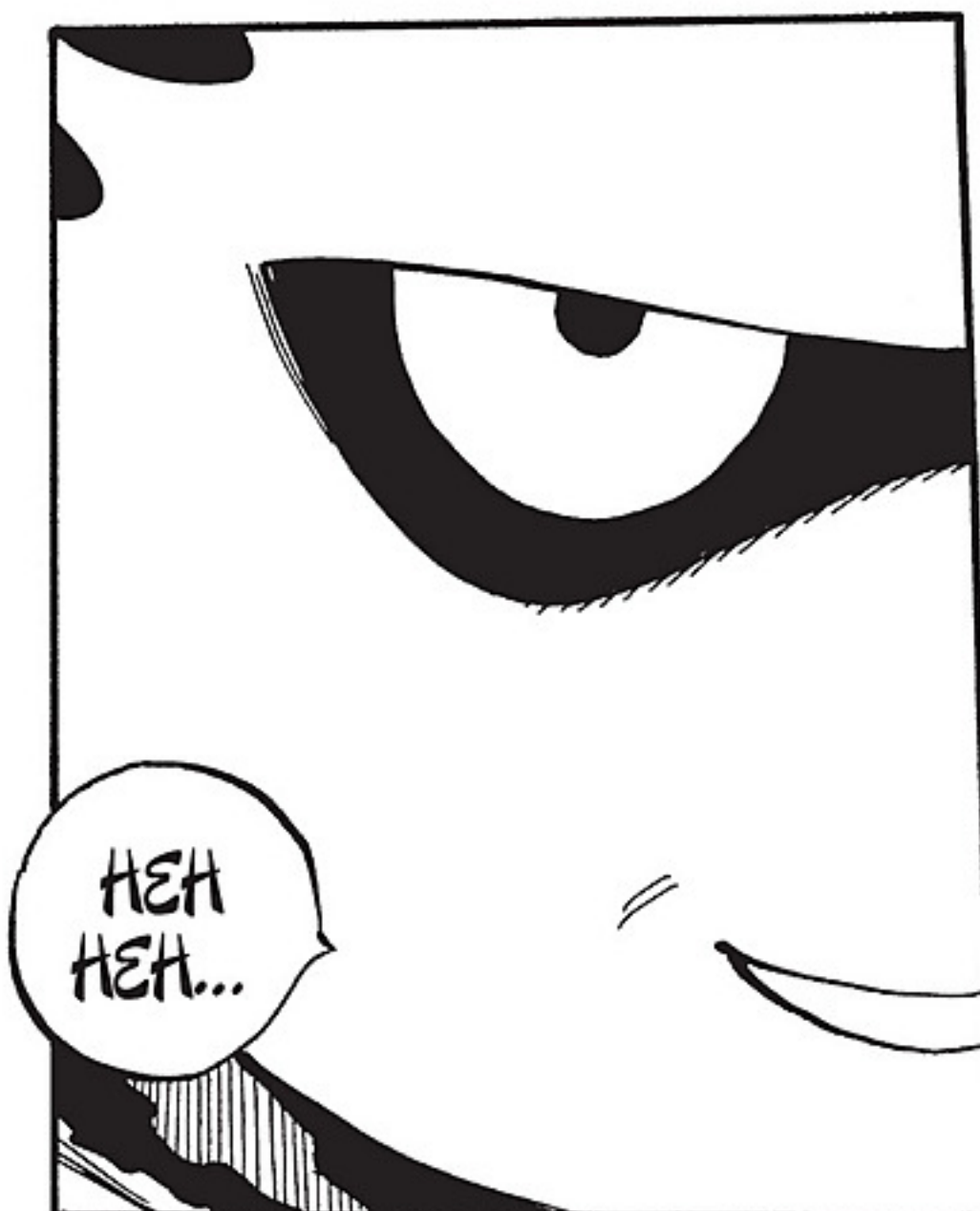
Use your
second
magic!
Your eyes!

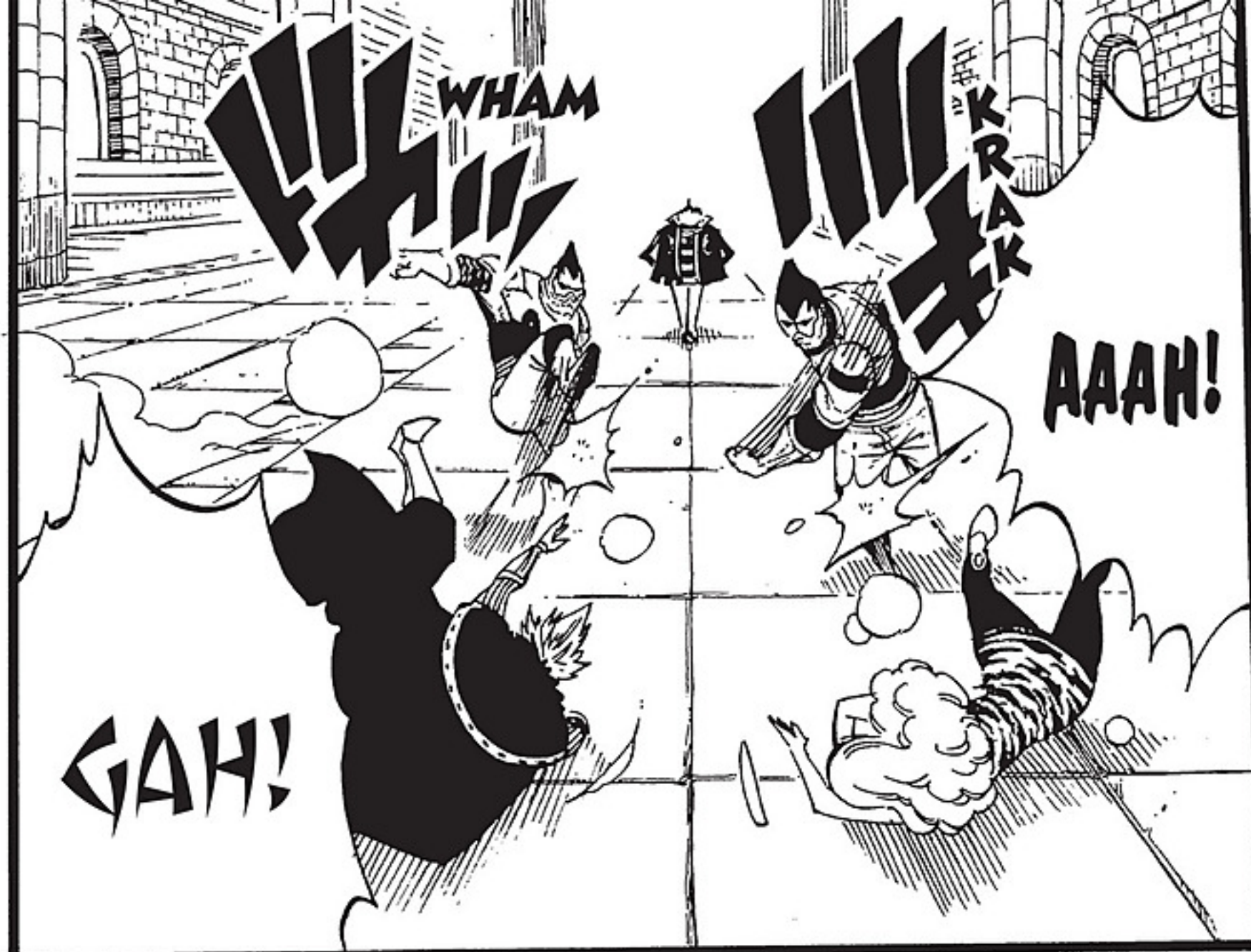


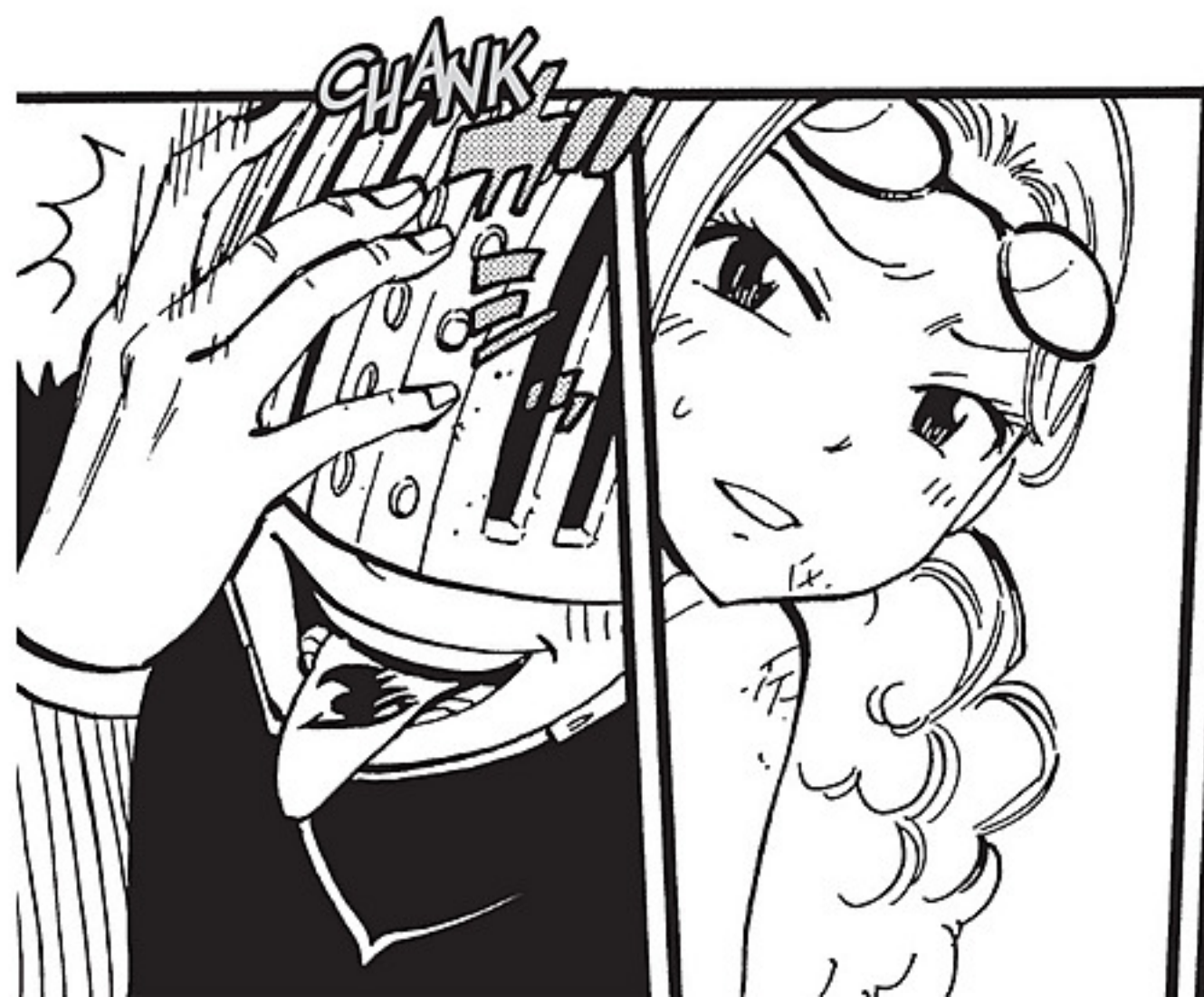
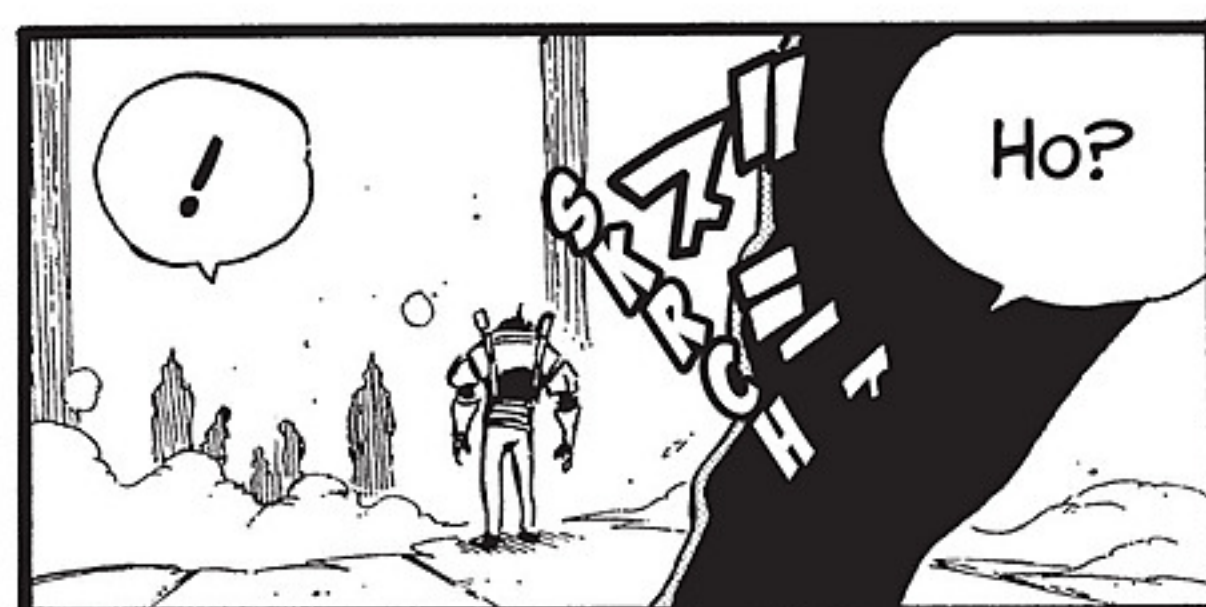
It doesn't
work on
them?!

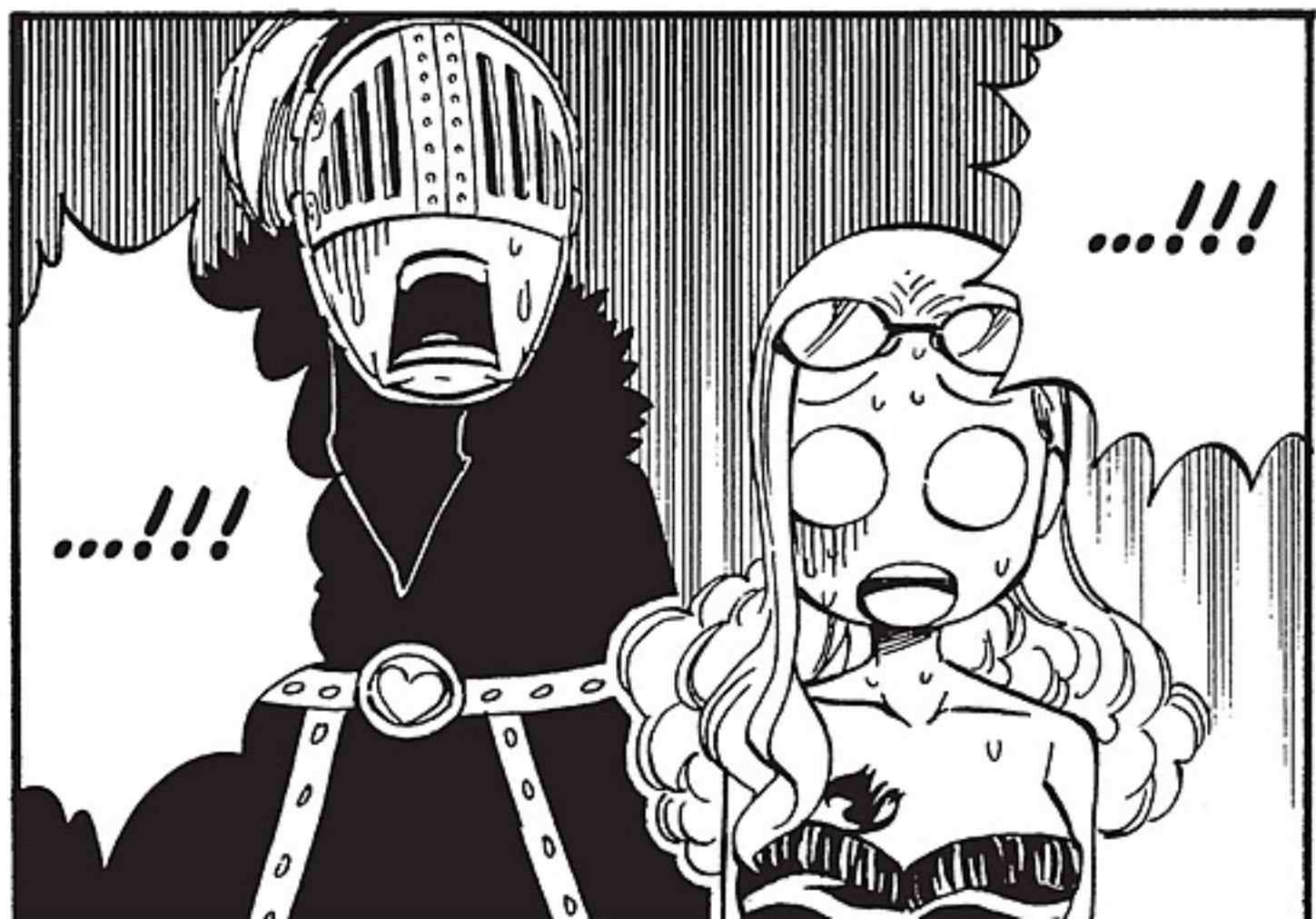
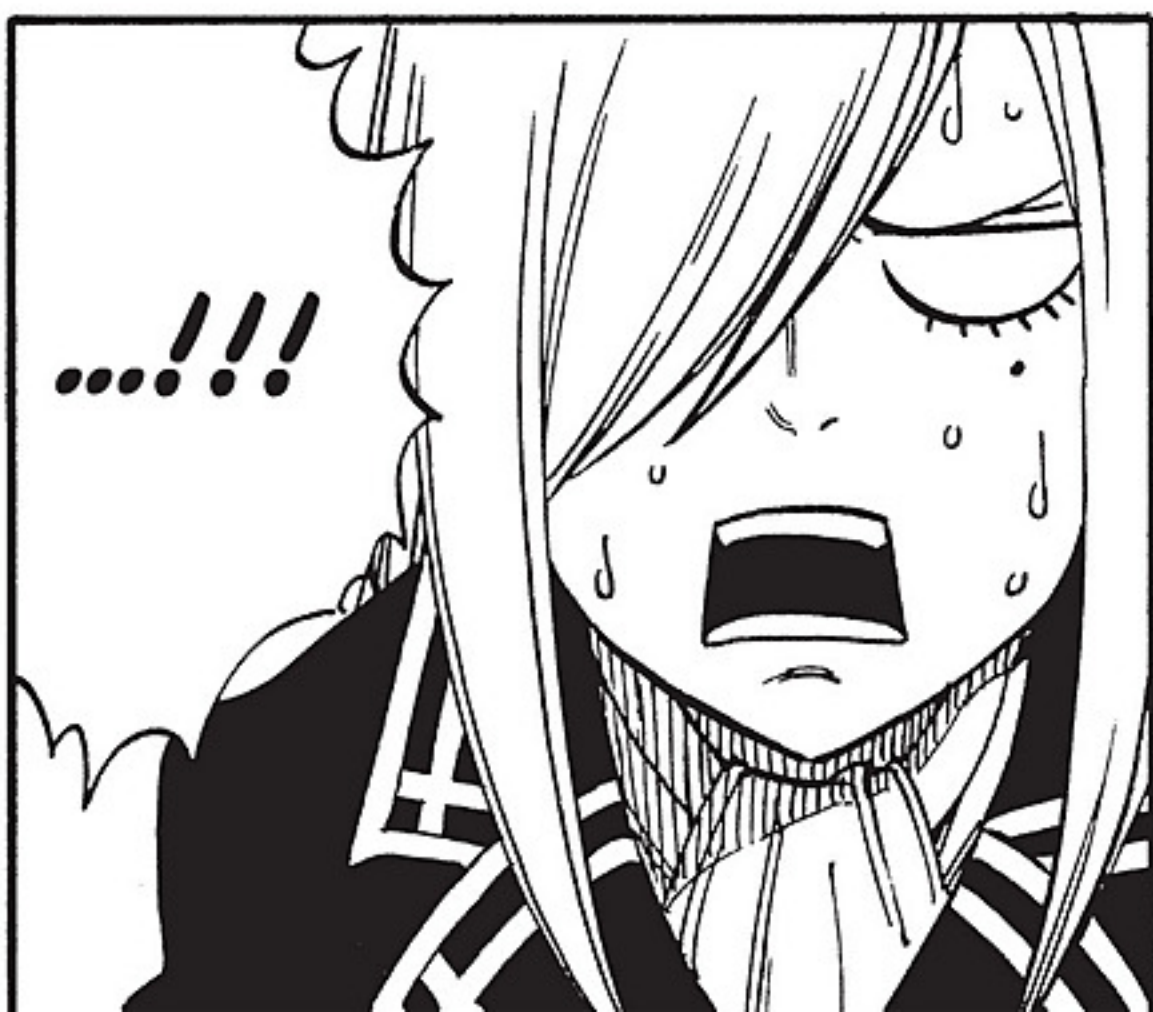
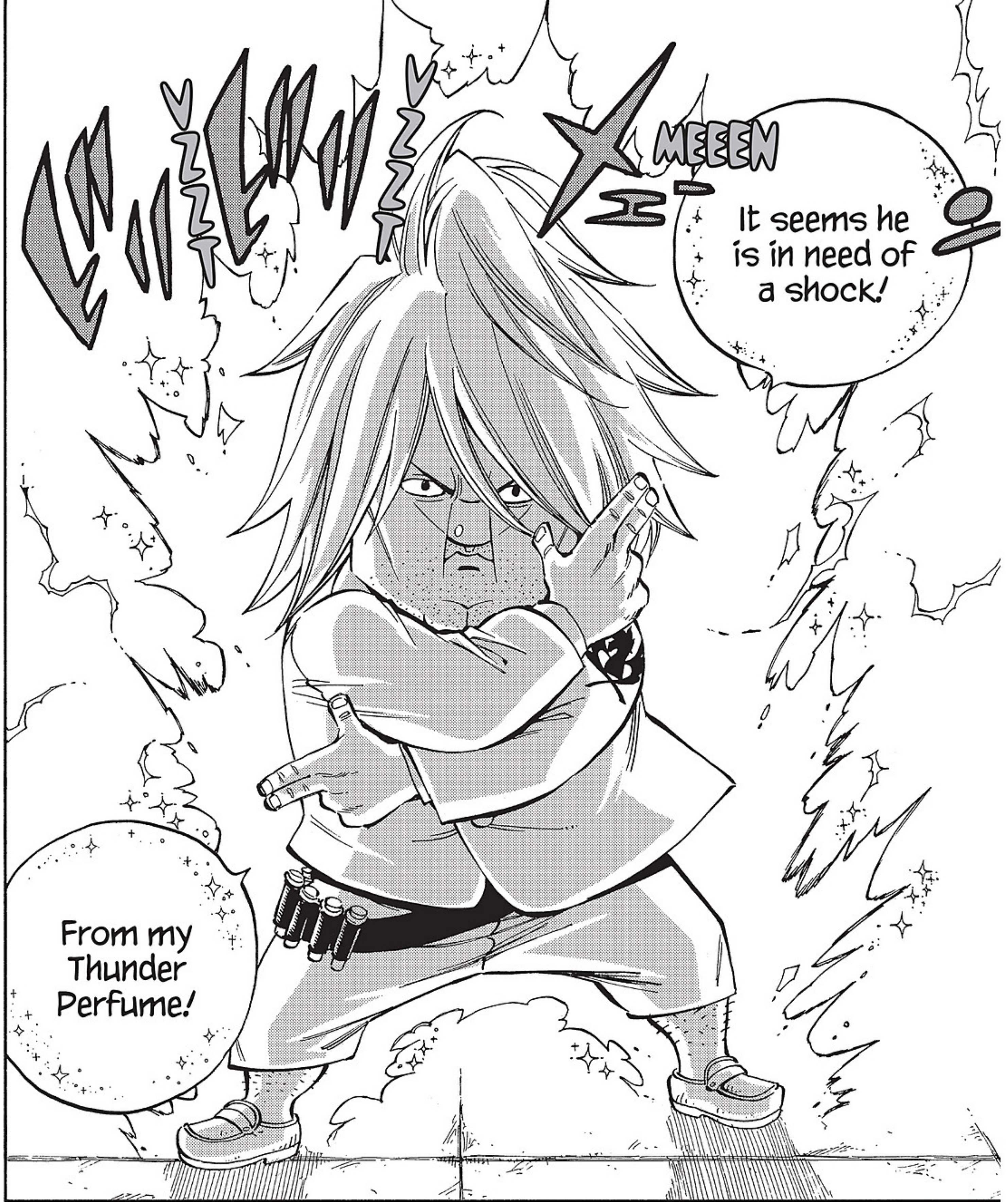


GWIP!!









FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 460: The Pegasus That Came to Earth



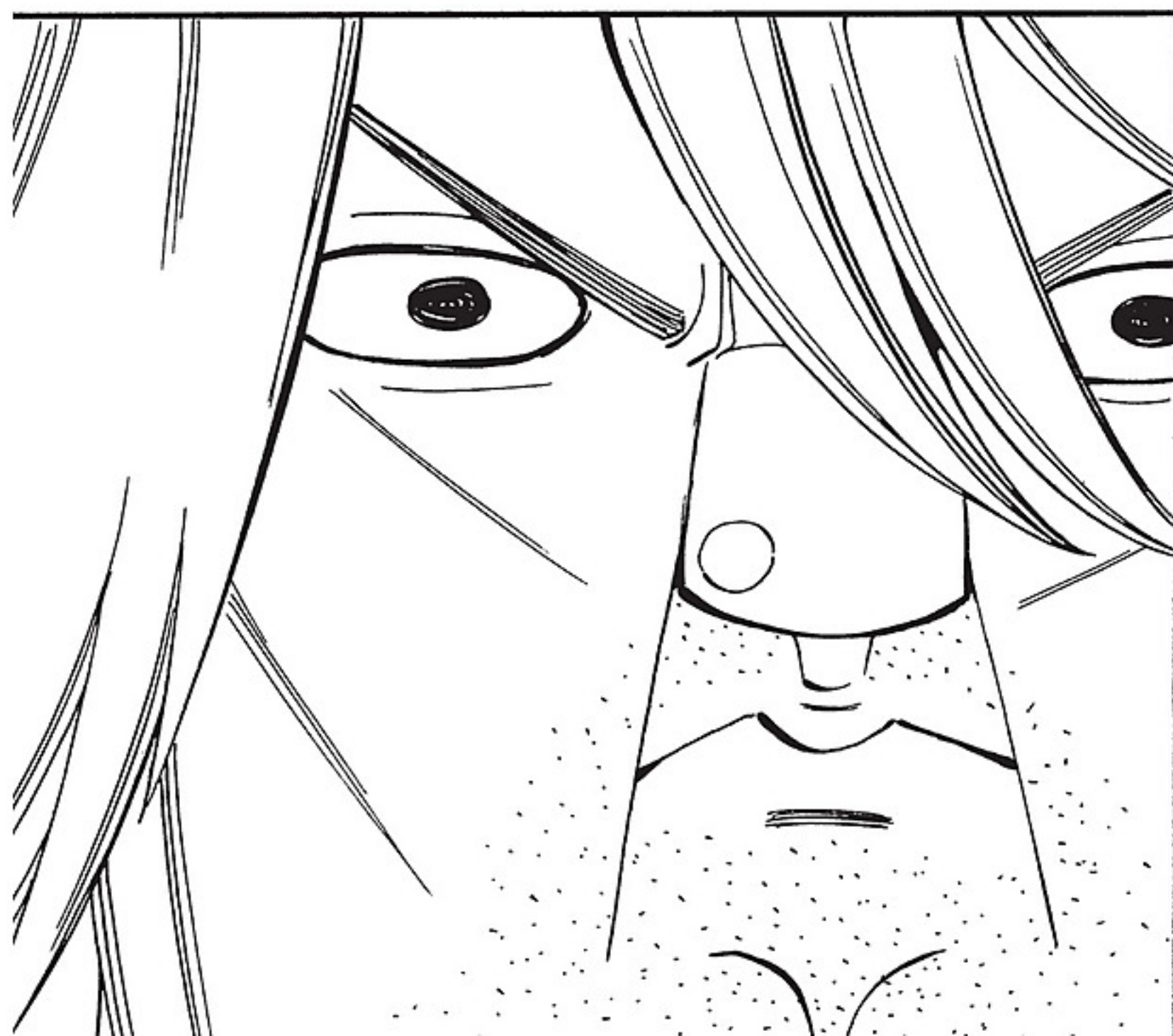
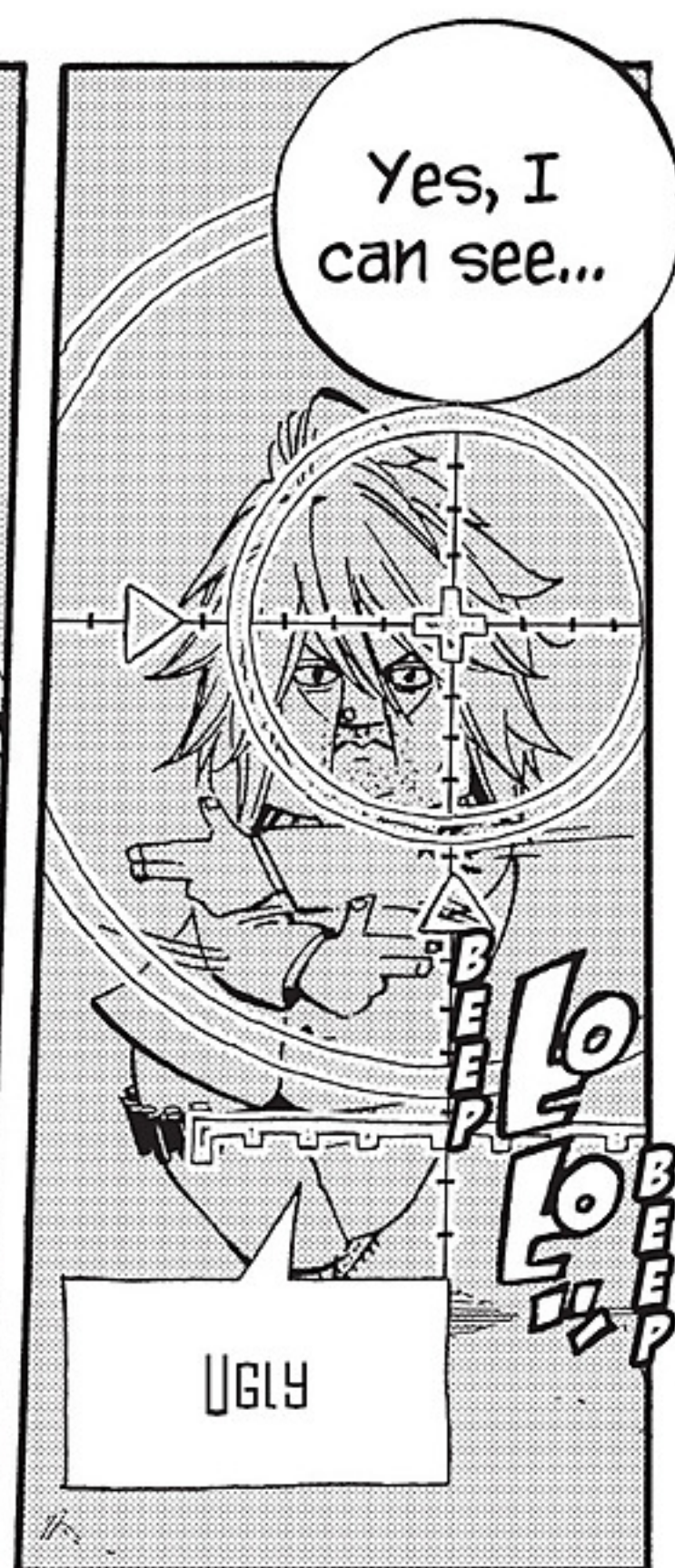
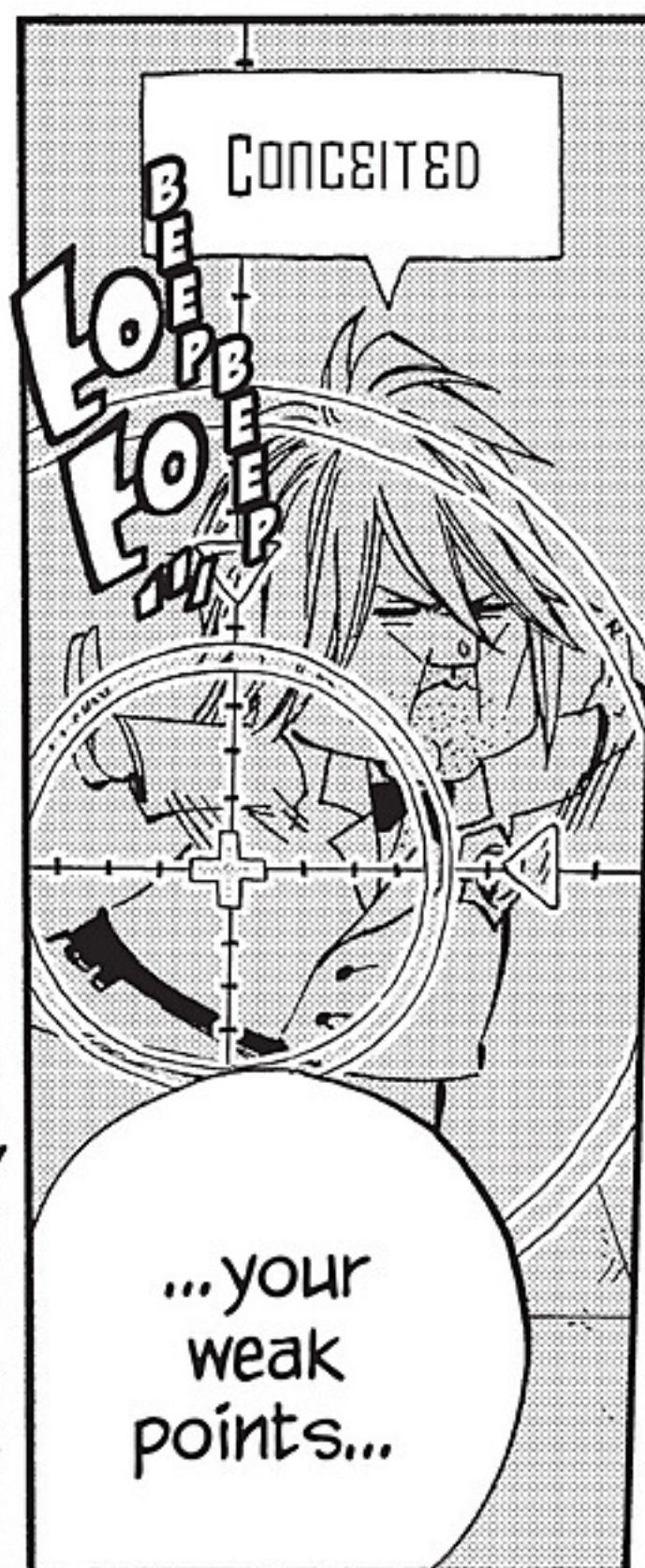
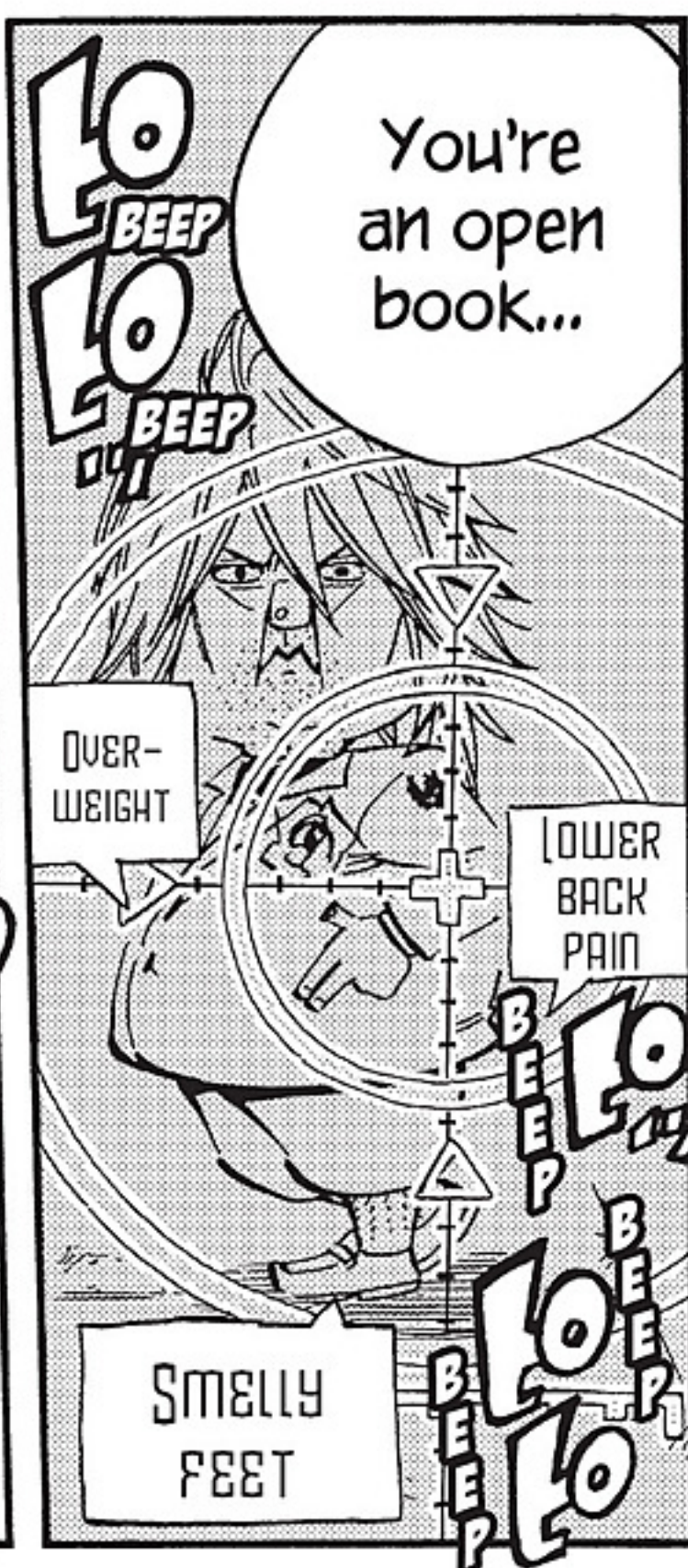
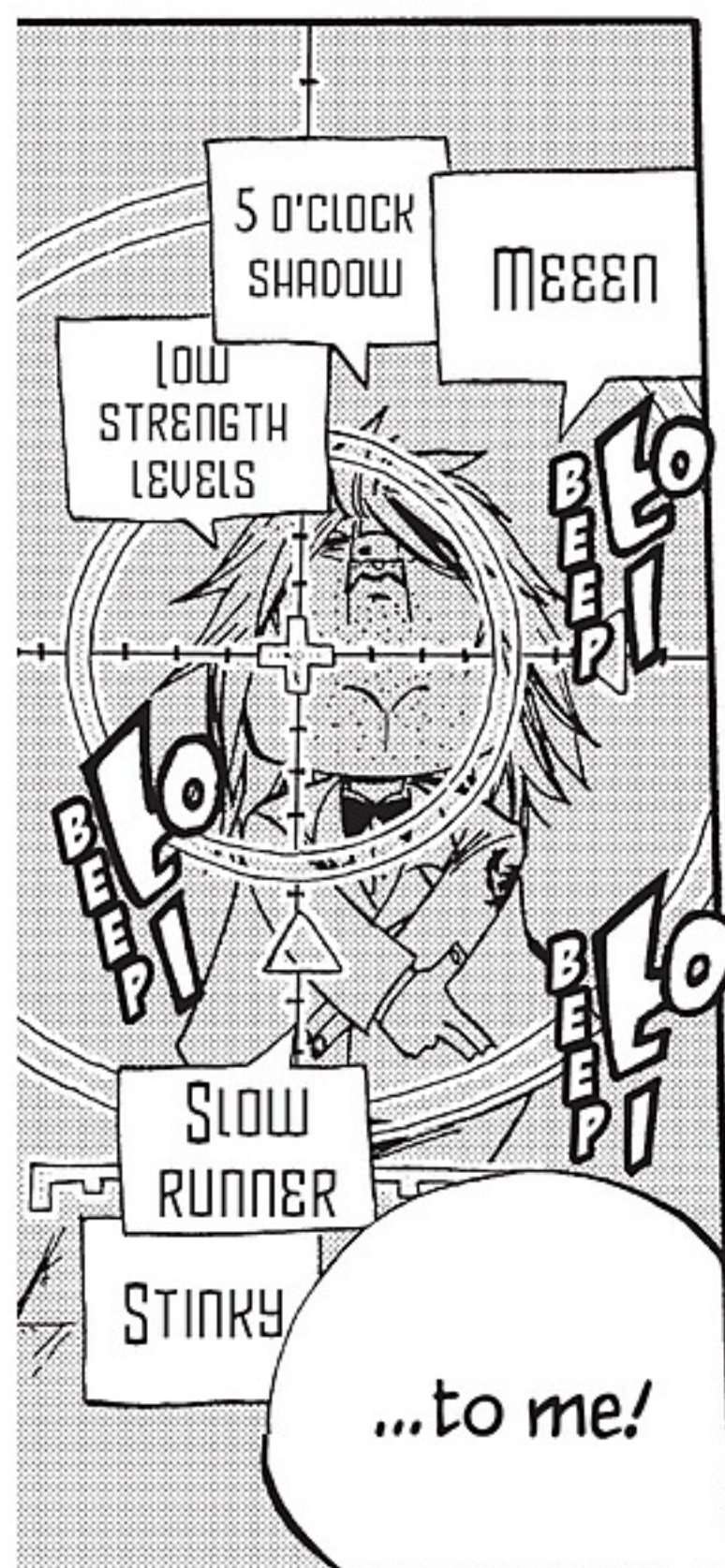
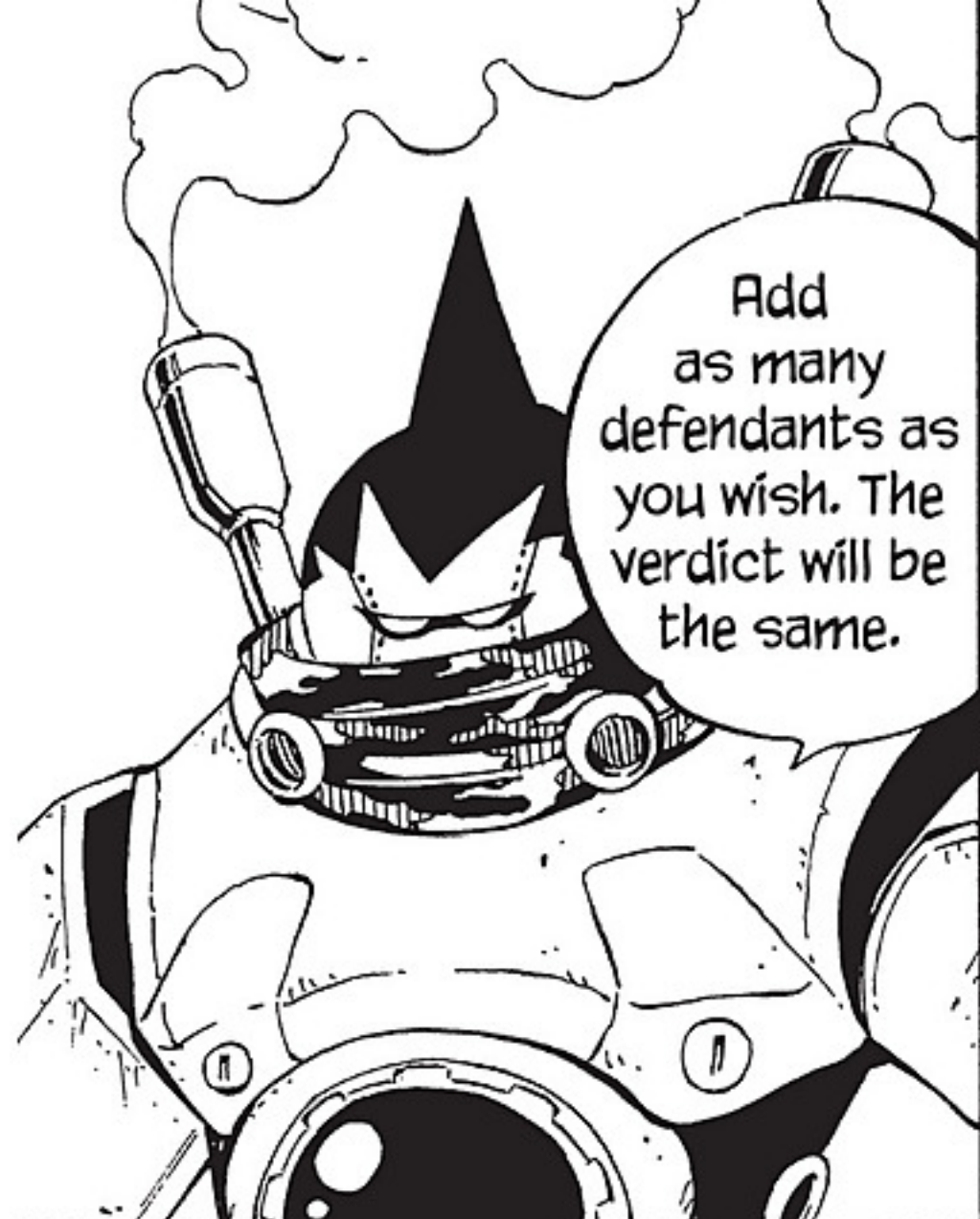


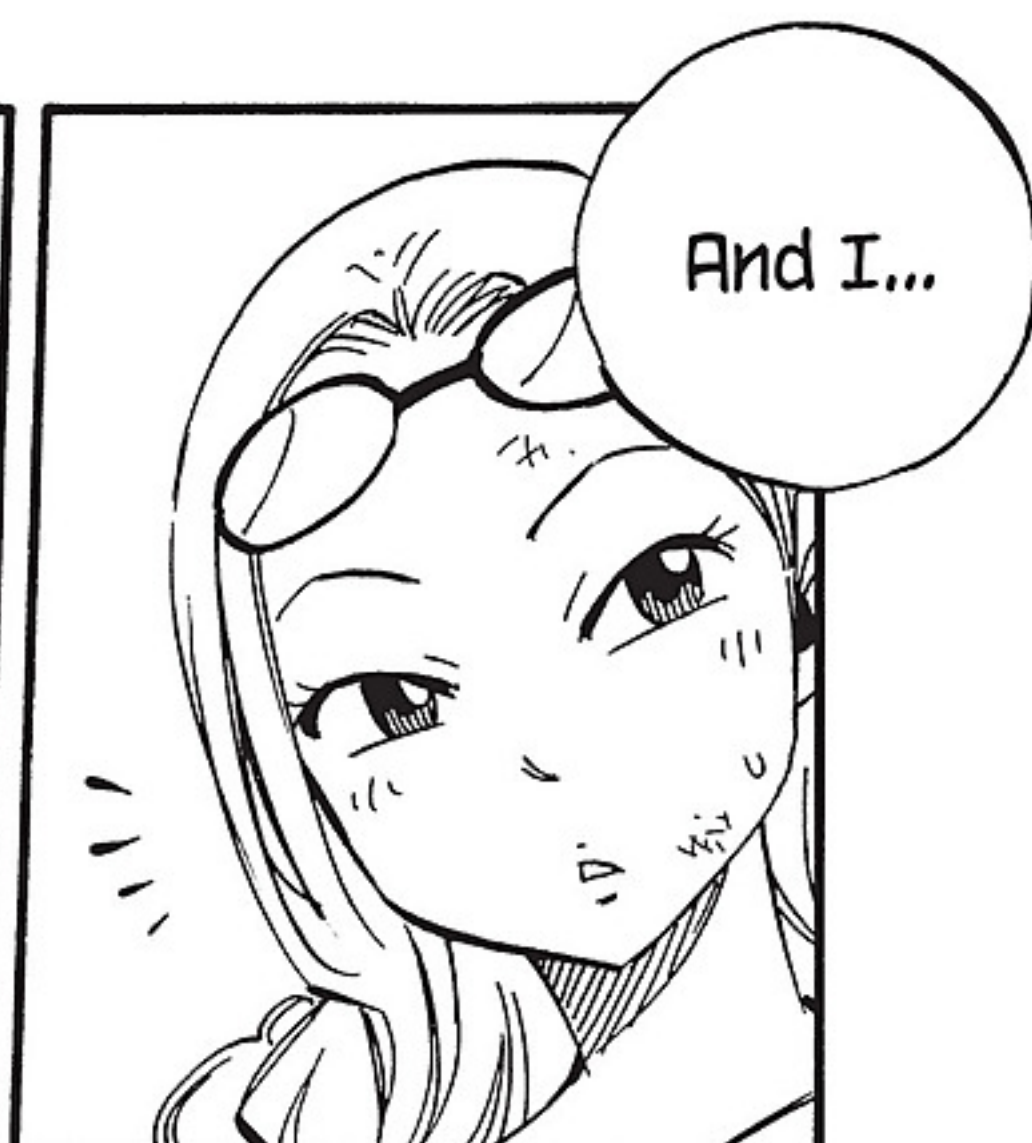
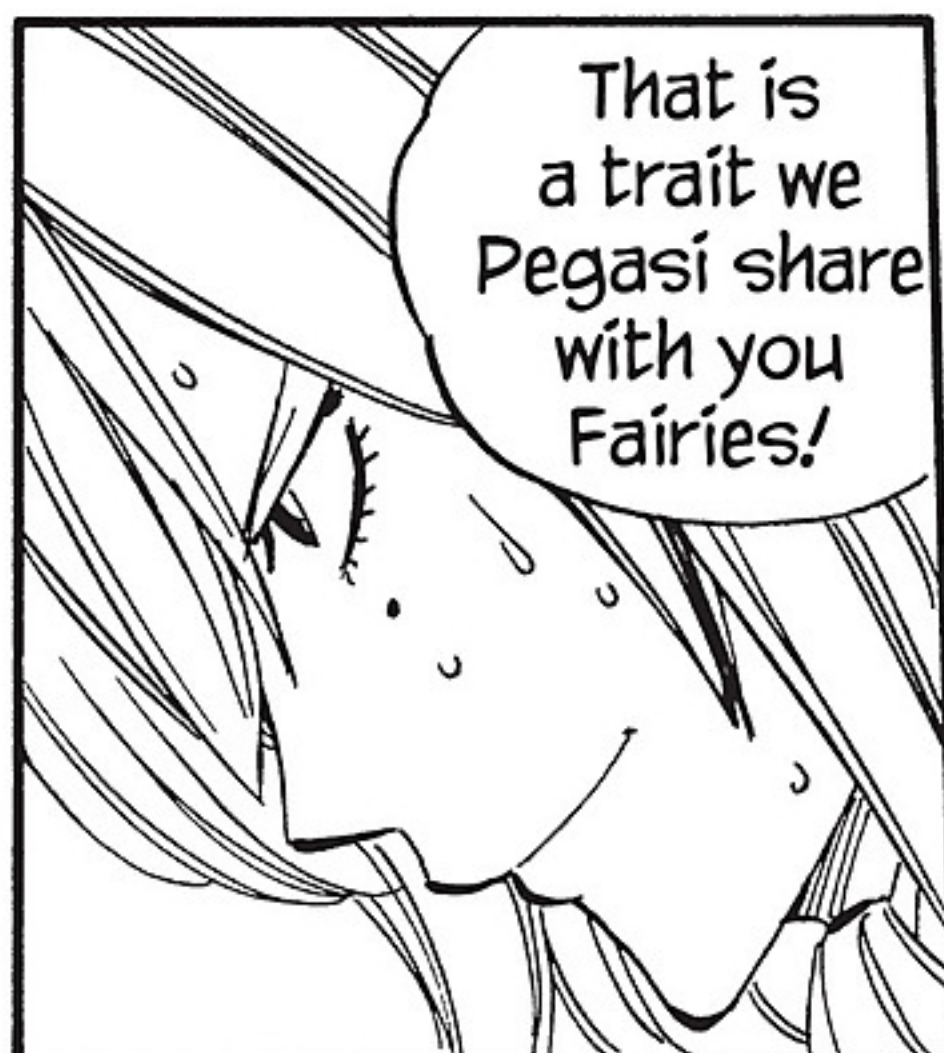
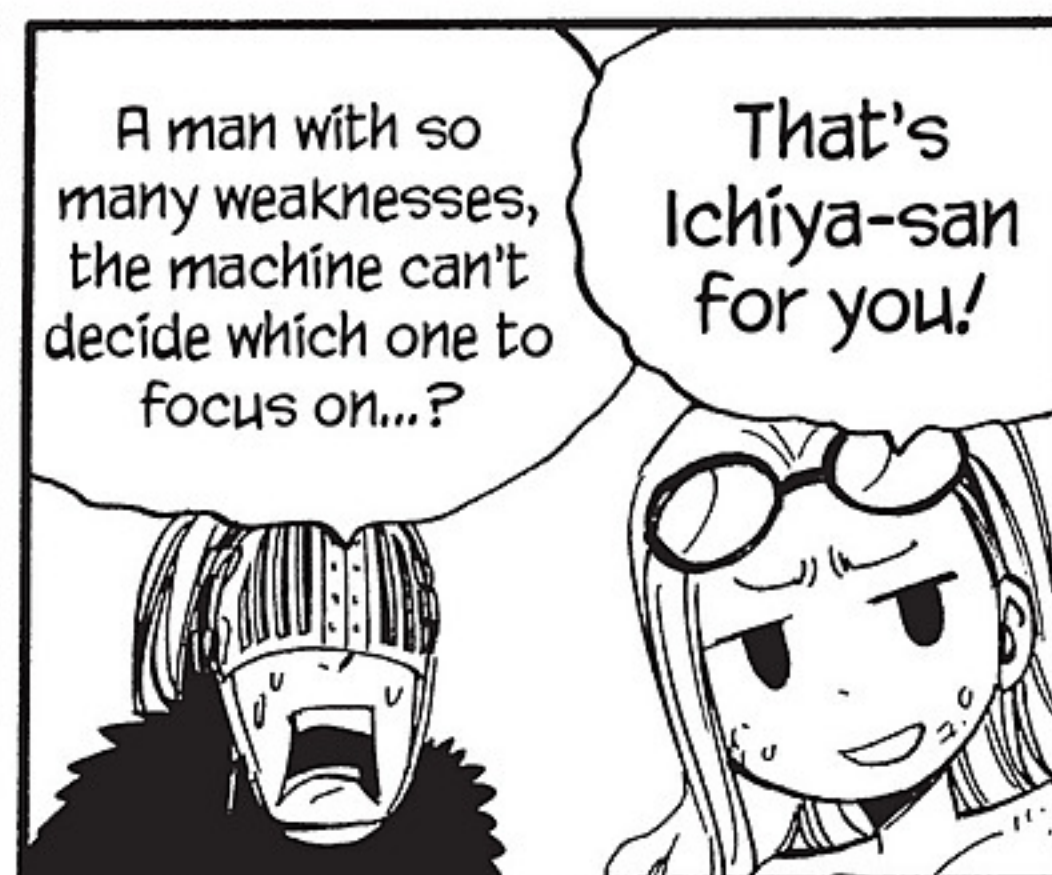
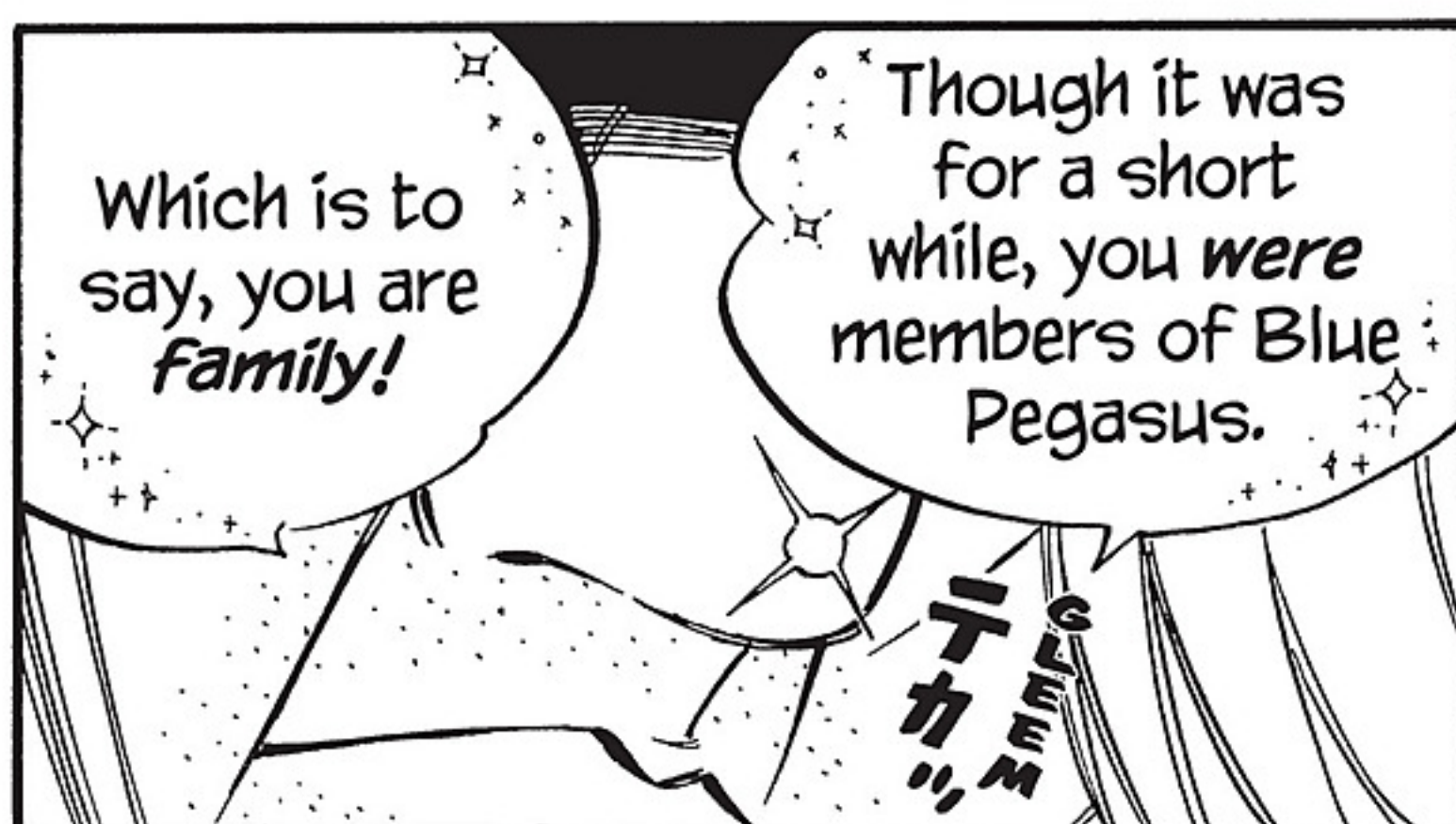
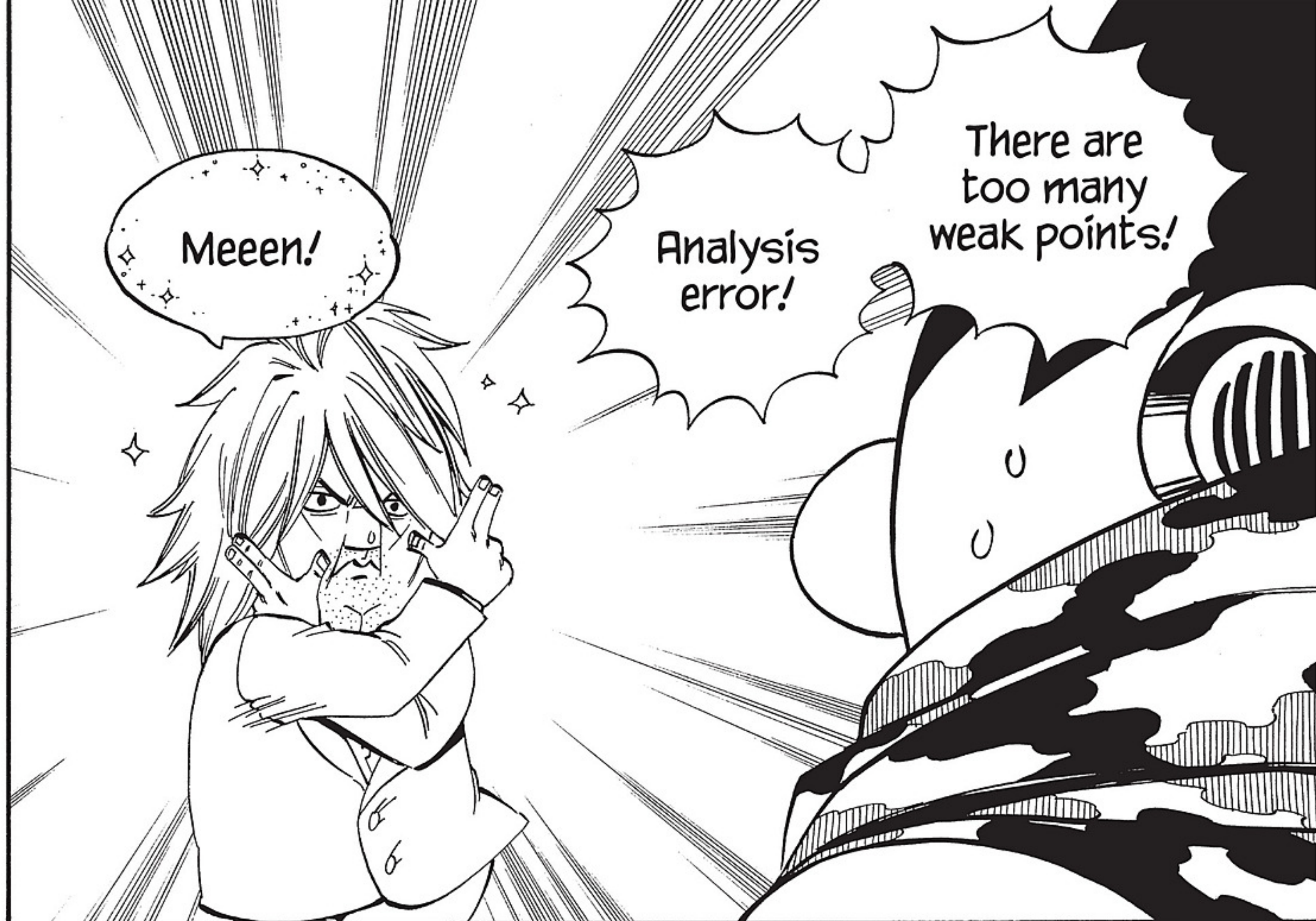
You could not have forgotten your harsh treatment, could you? But be that as it may, shall we remove this pest from the premises?

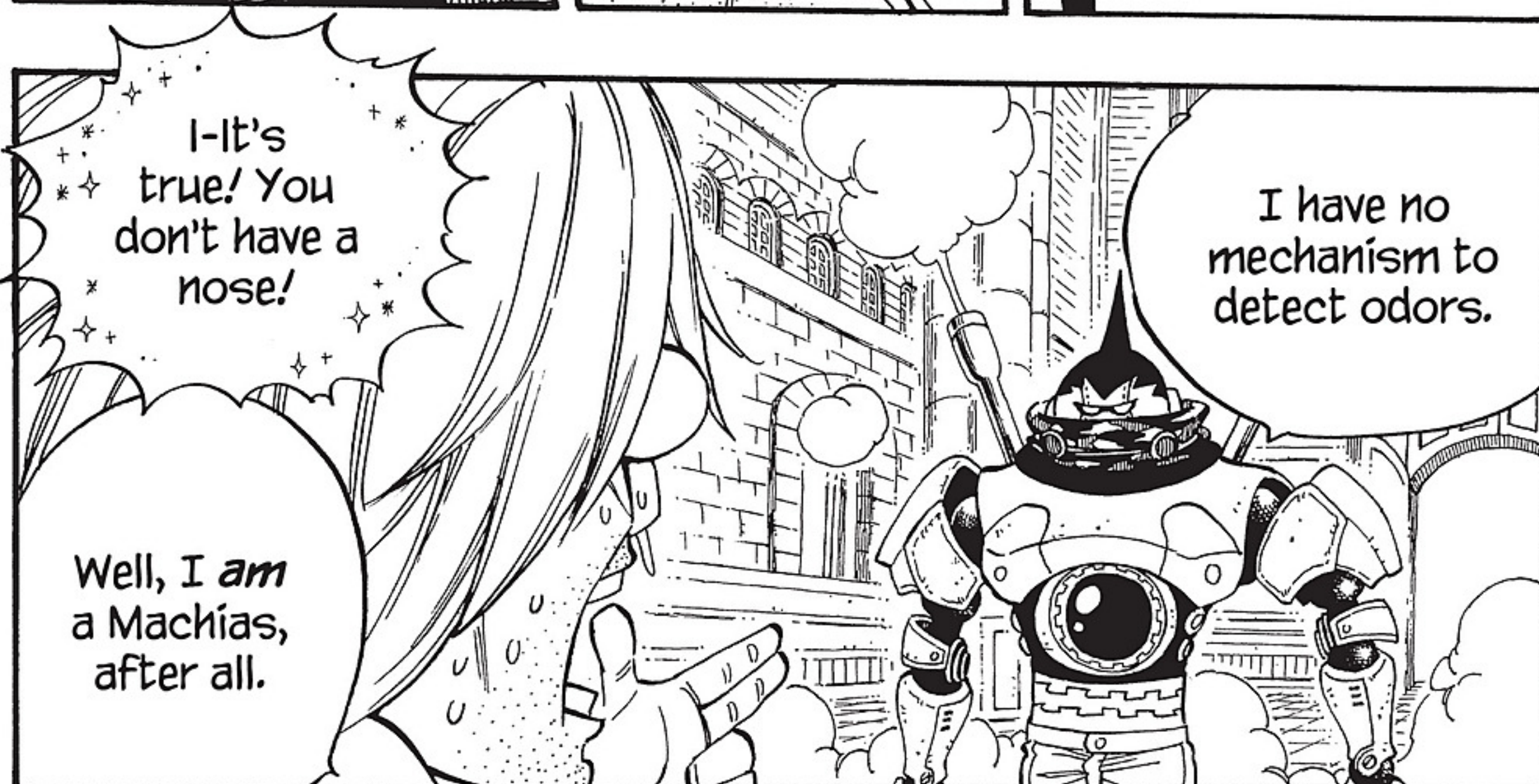
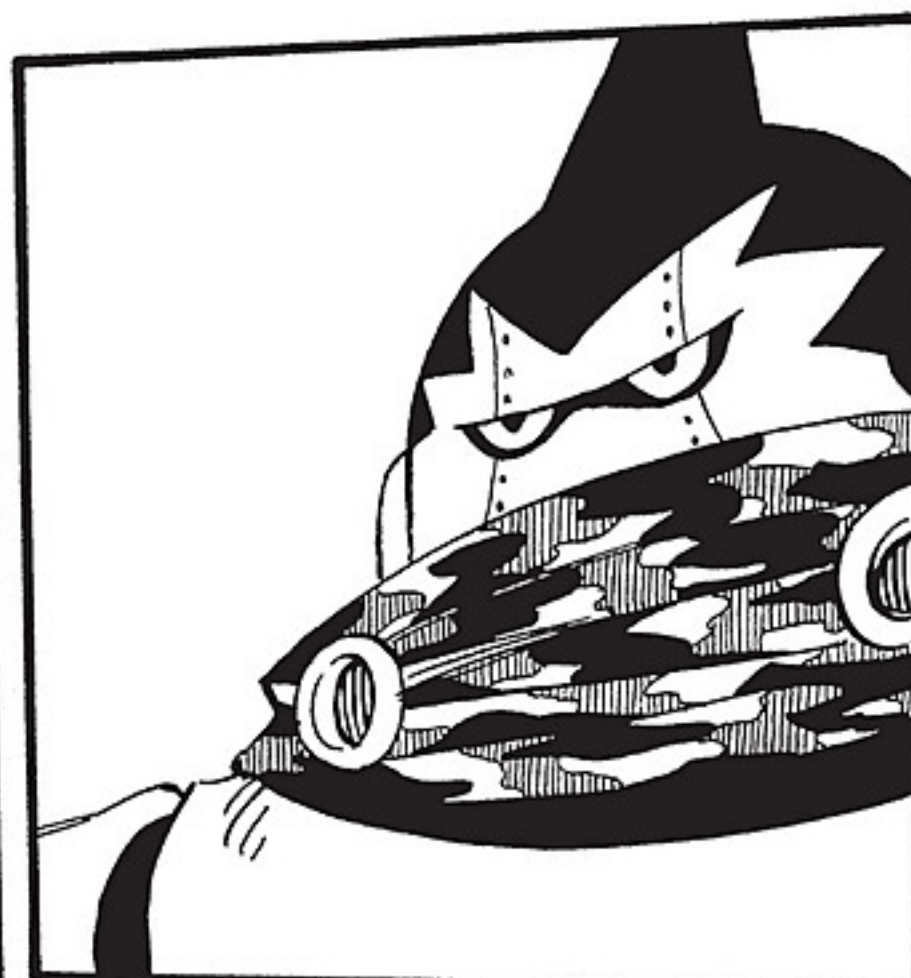


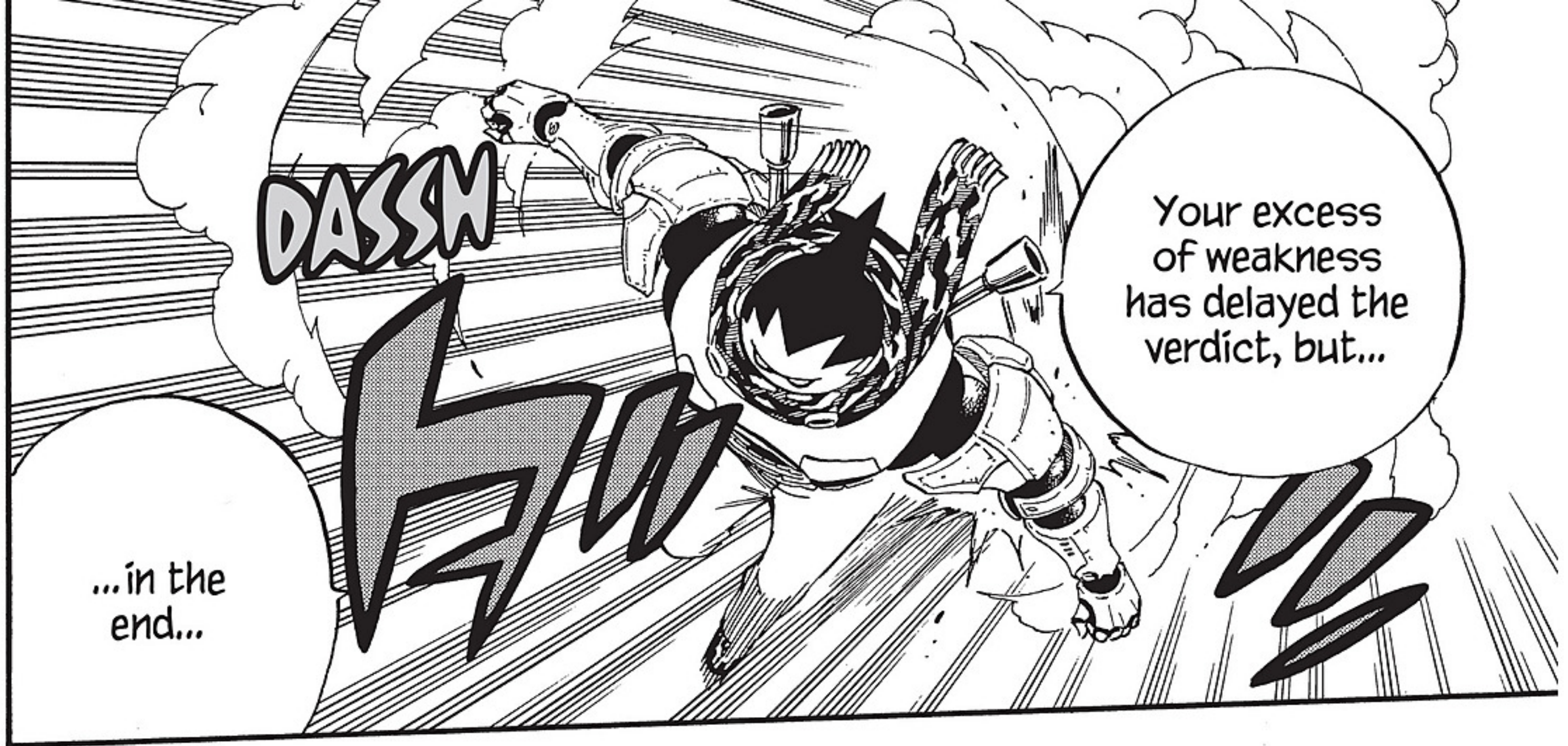
What's he doing here?!

Ichiya-san!







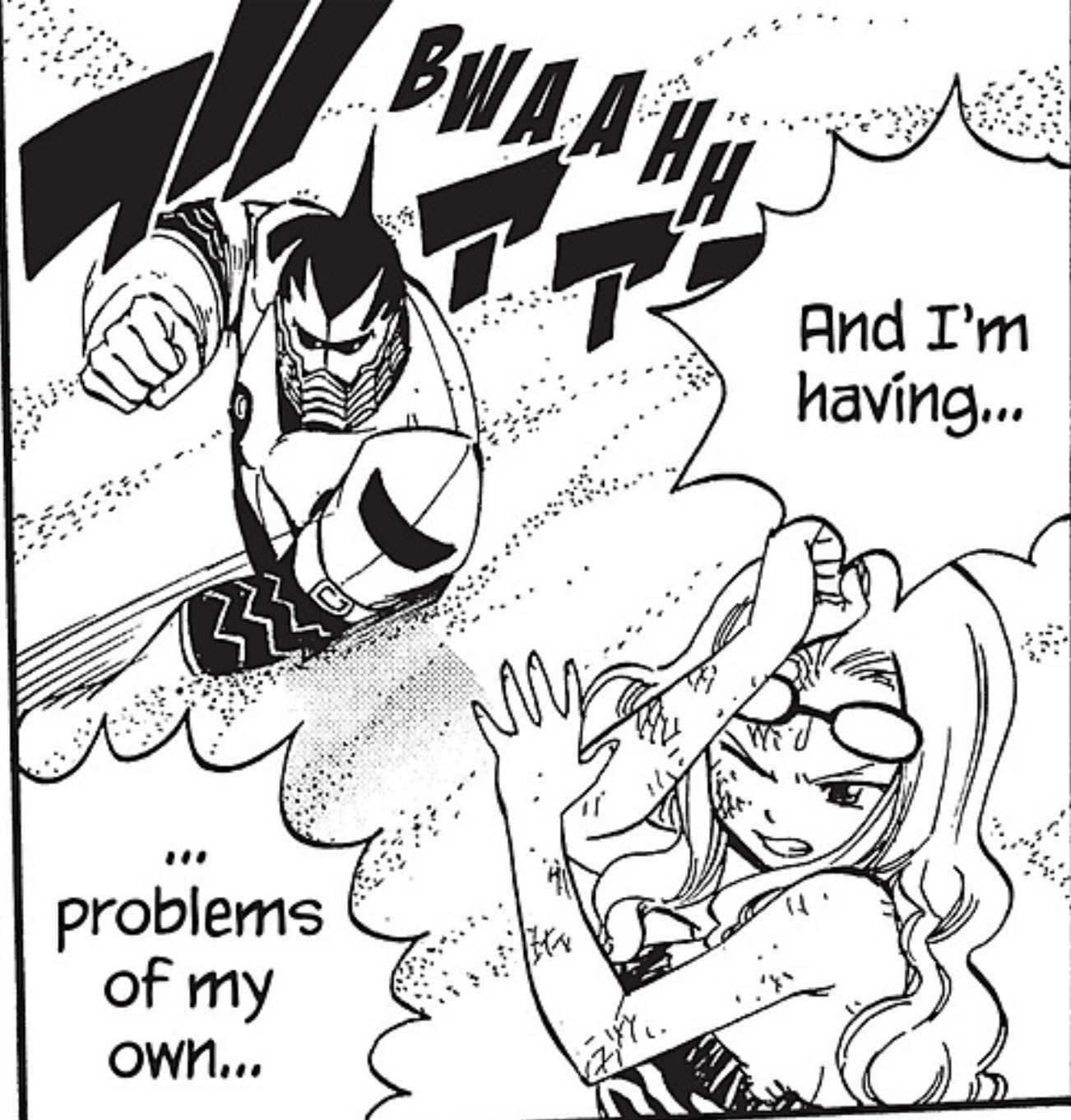




Leave this to me! All machines have a weakness that cannot be overcome!



You guys...



And I'm having...

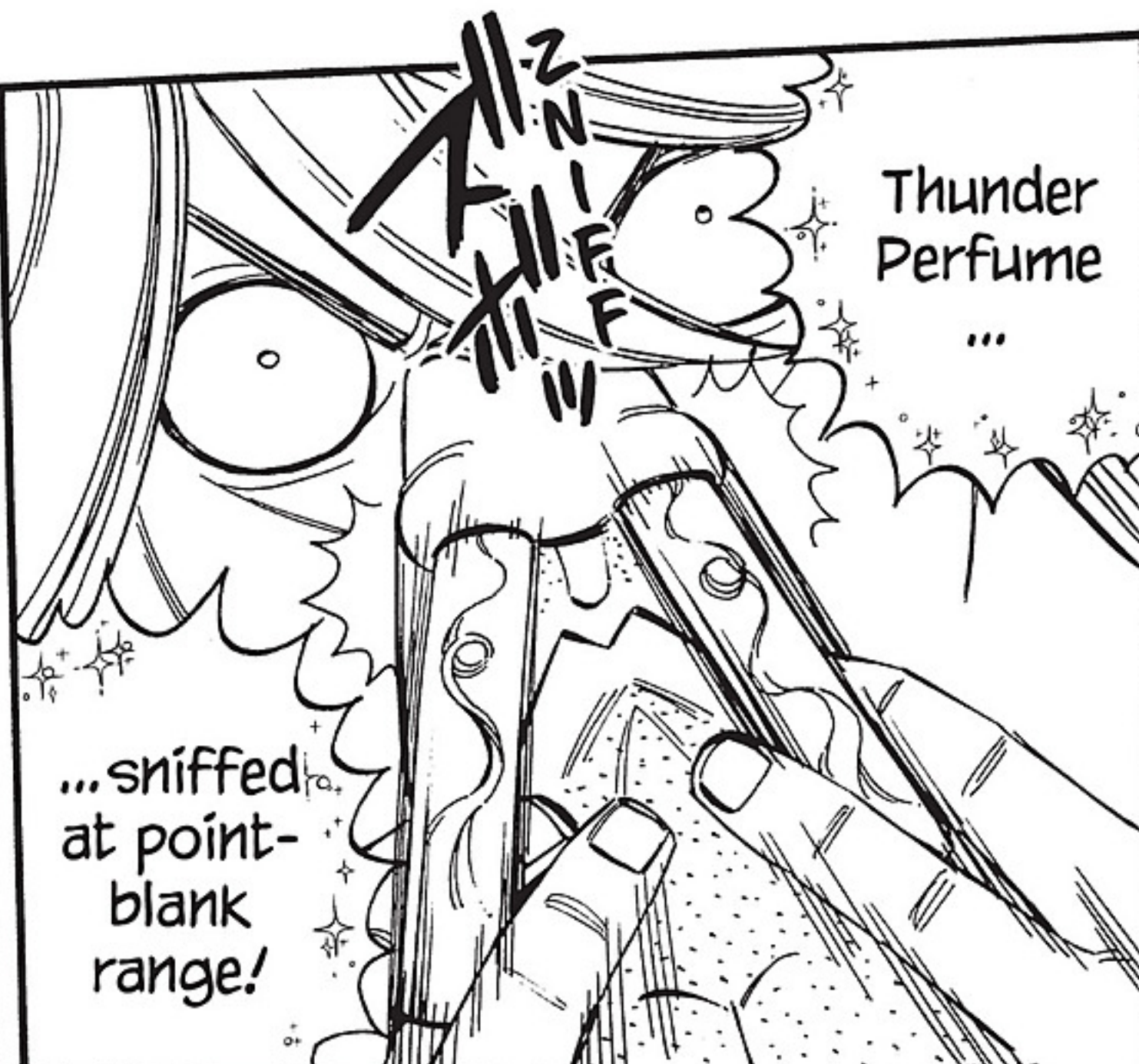
... problems of my own...



Graah!

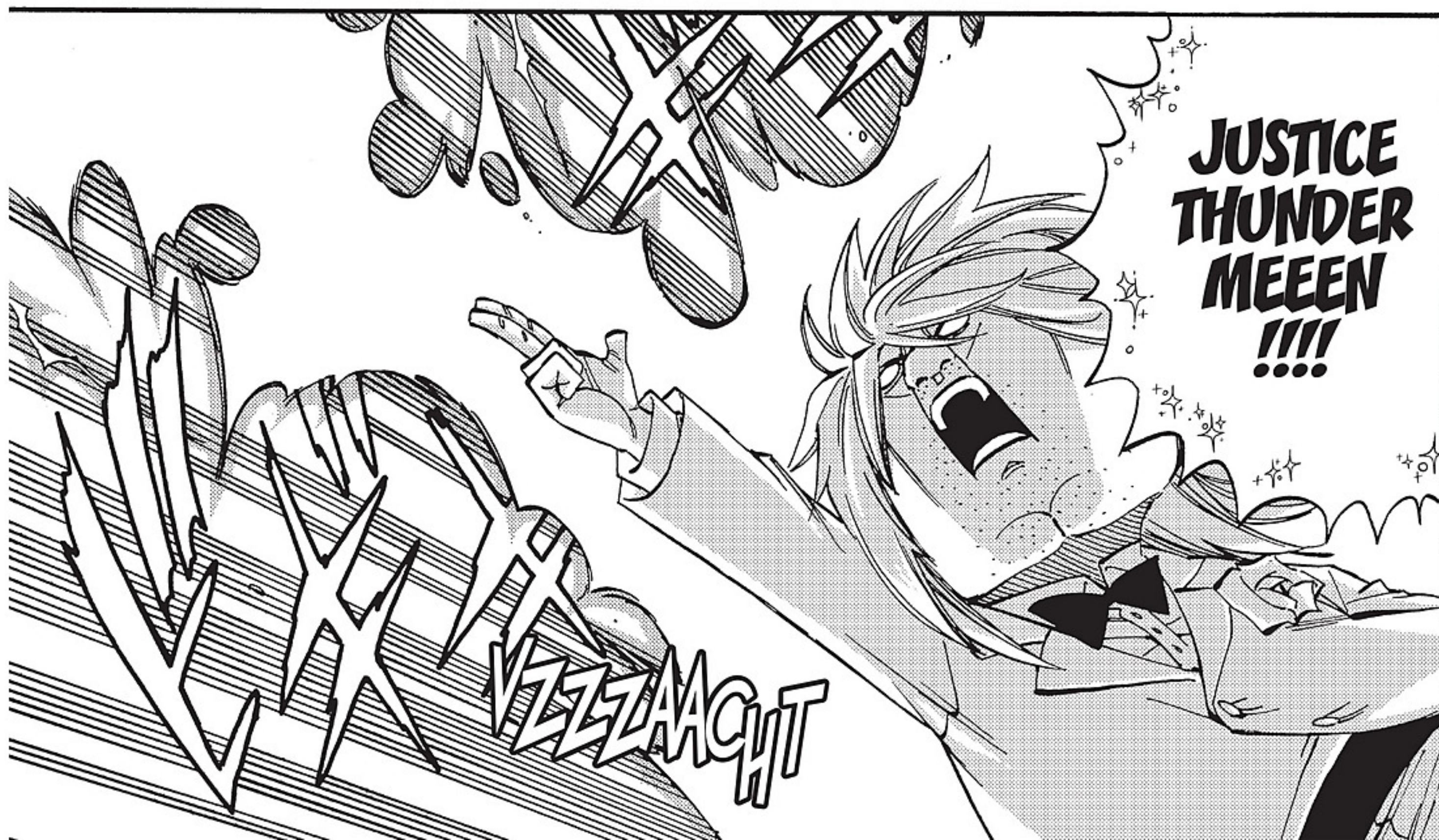


Whoaa
!!!!



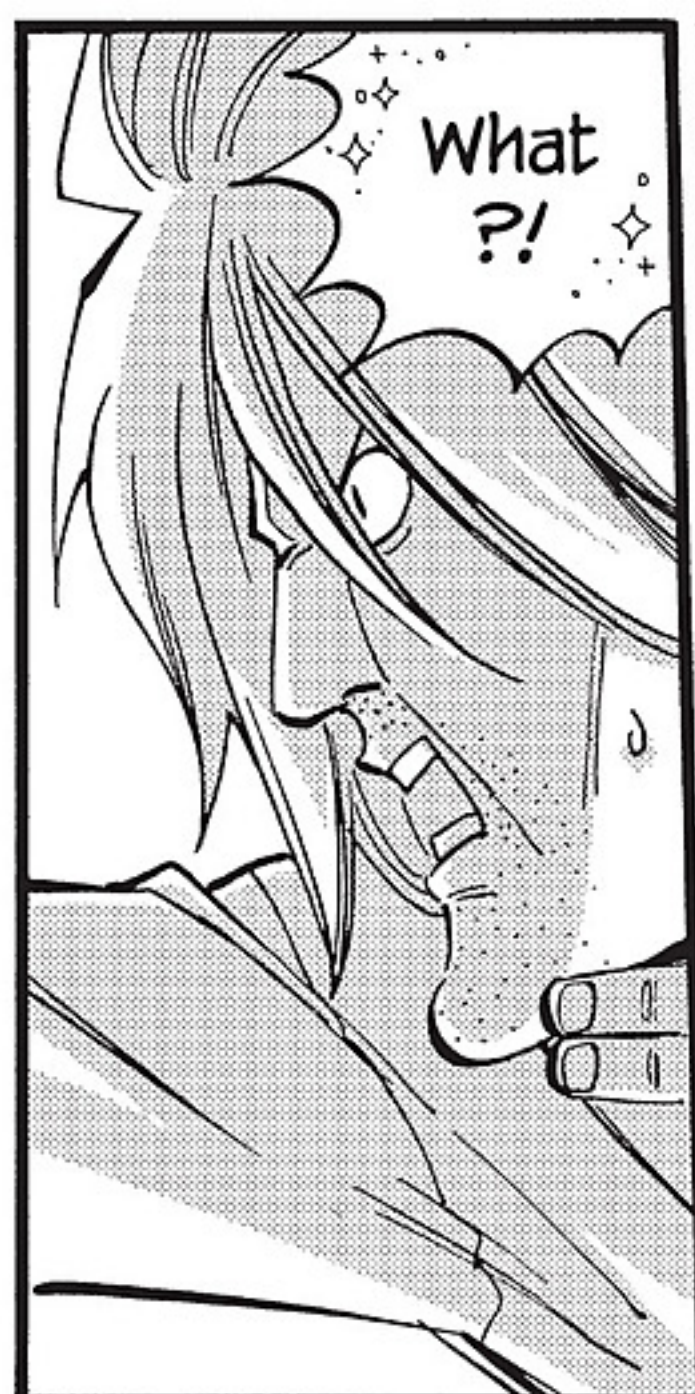
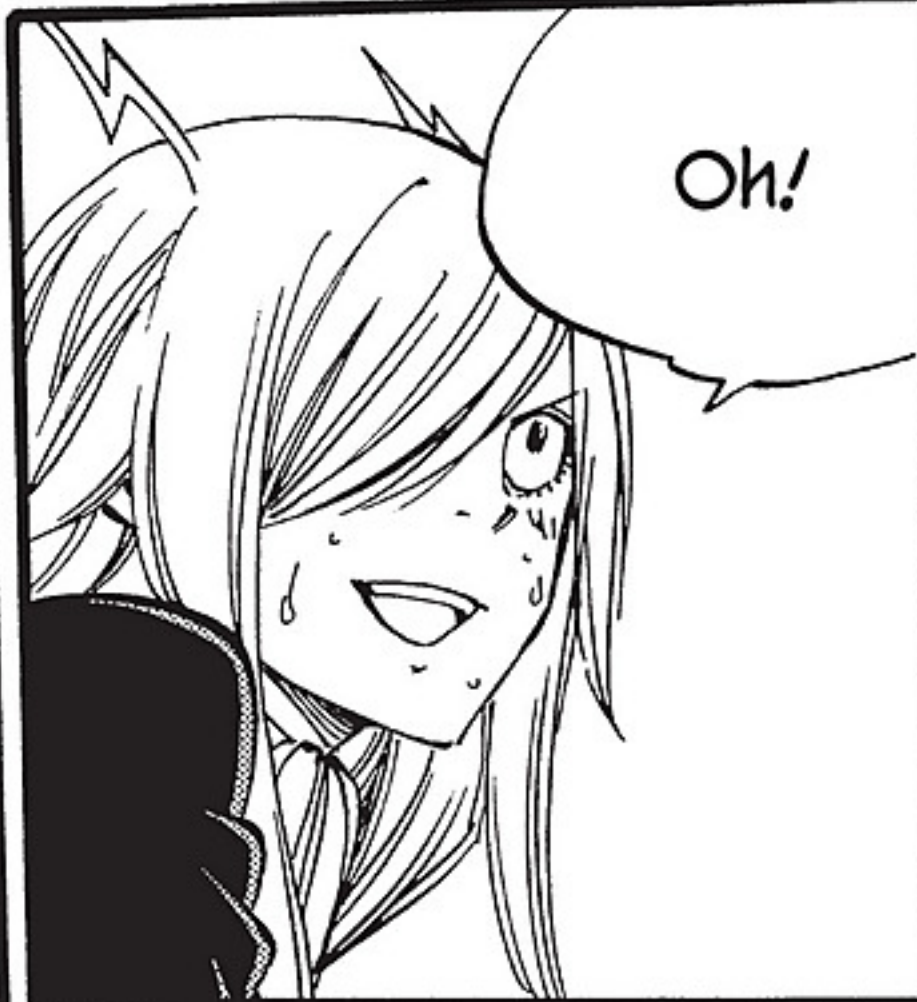
Thunder
Perfume
...

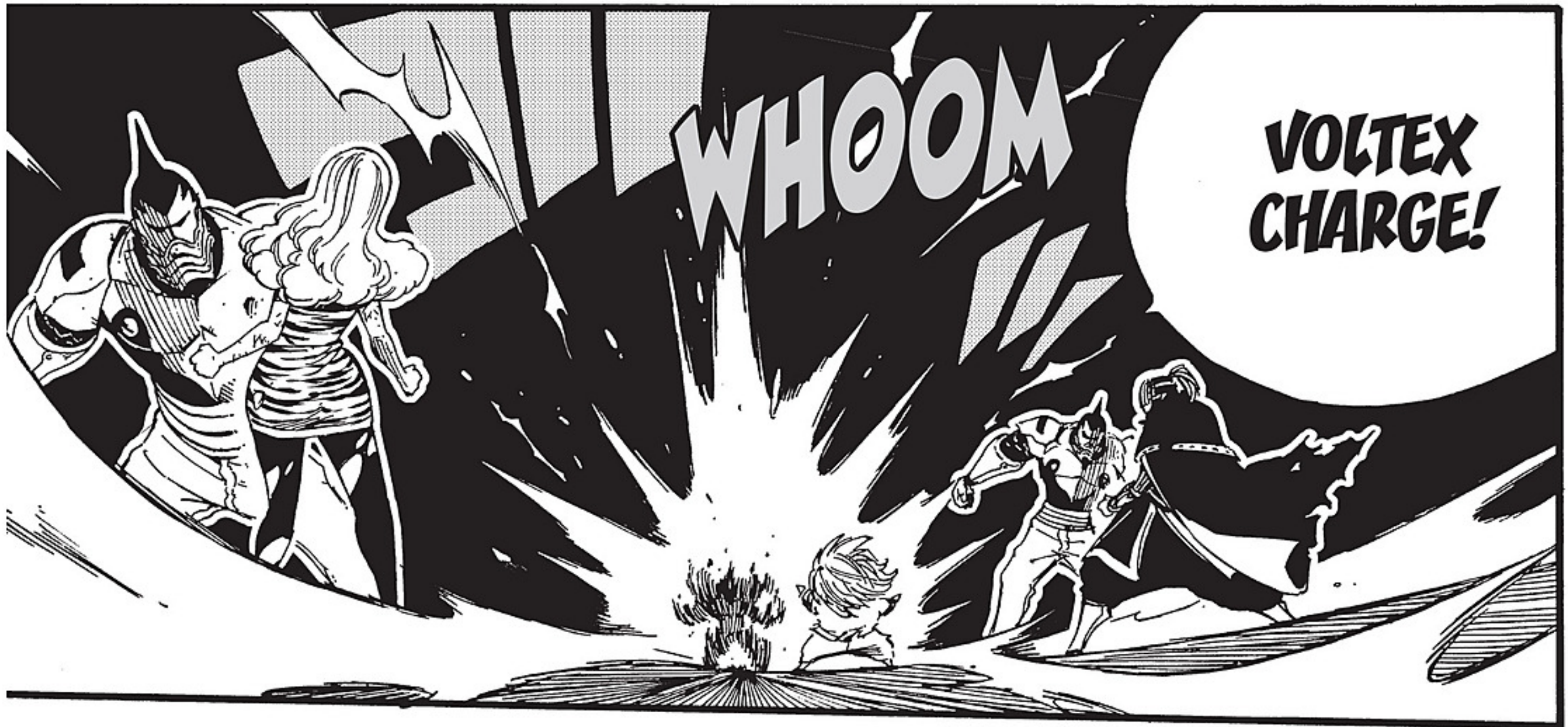
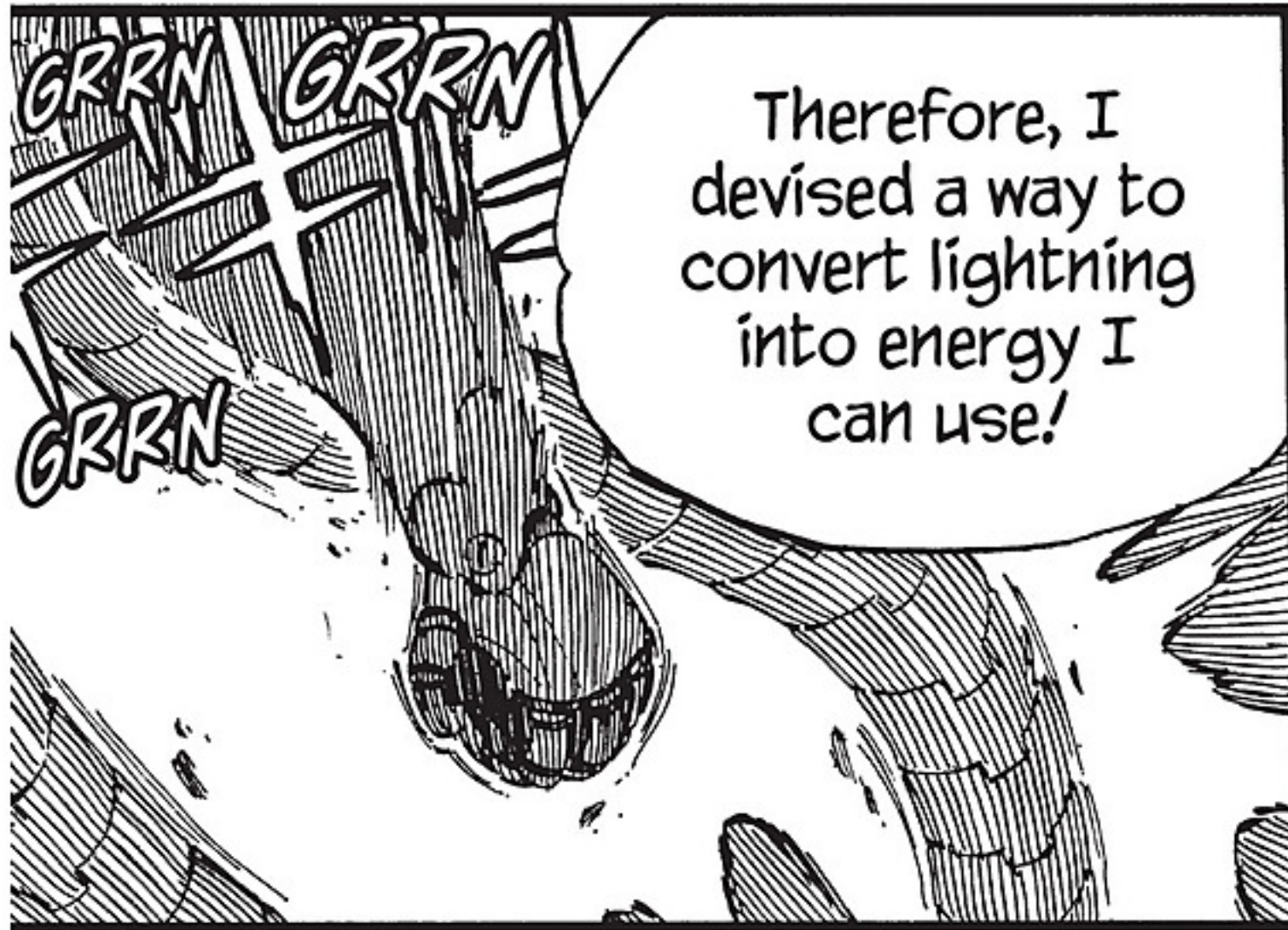
...sniffed at point-blank range!



JUSTICE
THUNDER
MEEEN
!!!!

VZZZAAGH!





I had heard that they're able to perform alchemy, but...I never thought he'd be able to transform his body...!





This enemy
is a bad
match for
him!



Yes, it was a
letdown when we got
Ichiya instead, but now
I'm glad that Laxus
didn't come!



In other
words, even
Laxus's magic
won't work on
him!

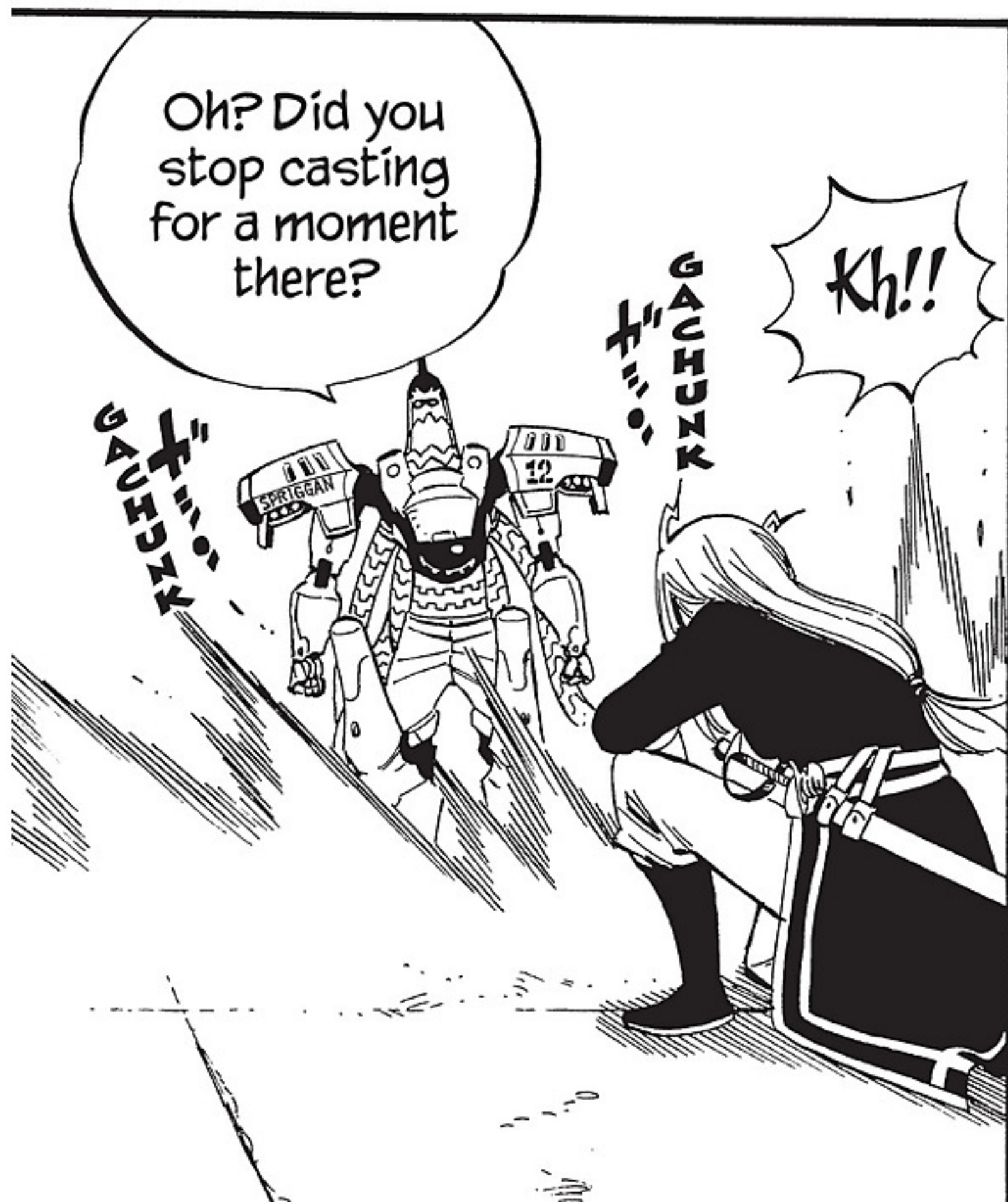


Fried!
Don't let
up on your
jutsu-shiki!

We're
still under
attack
from the
west!



Which
means I
have no
choice!



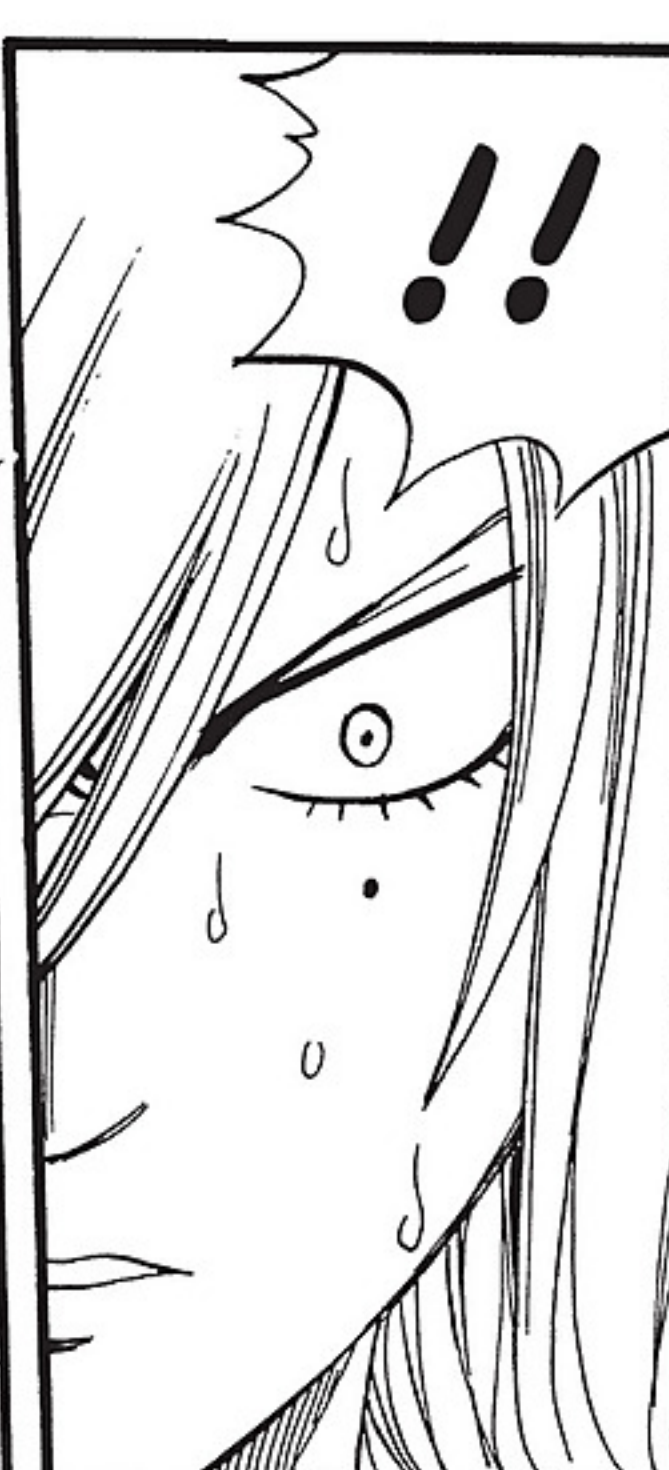
Oh? Did you
stop casting
for a moment
there?

GACHUKU
GACHUKU
GACHUKU

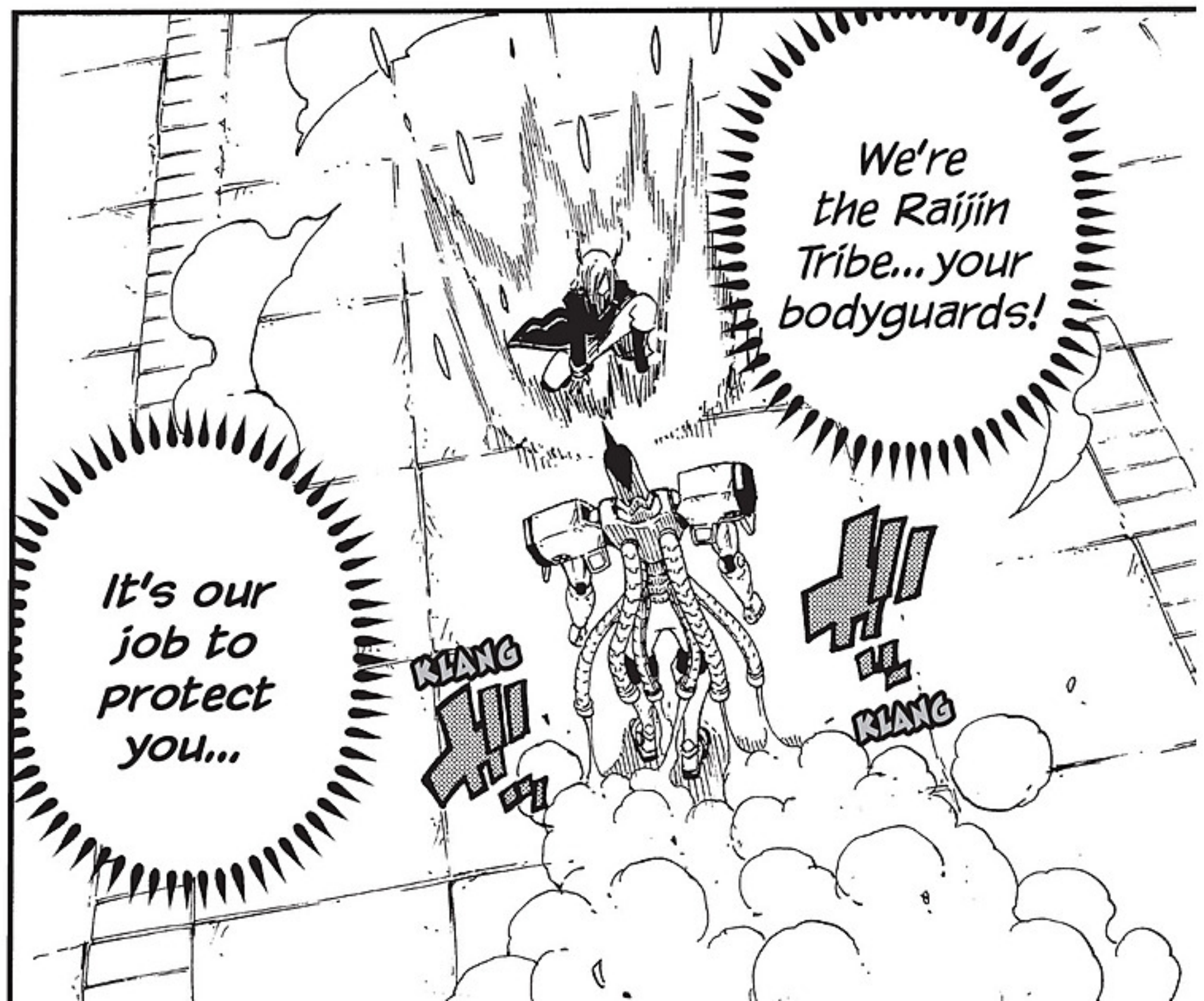
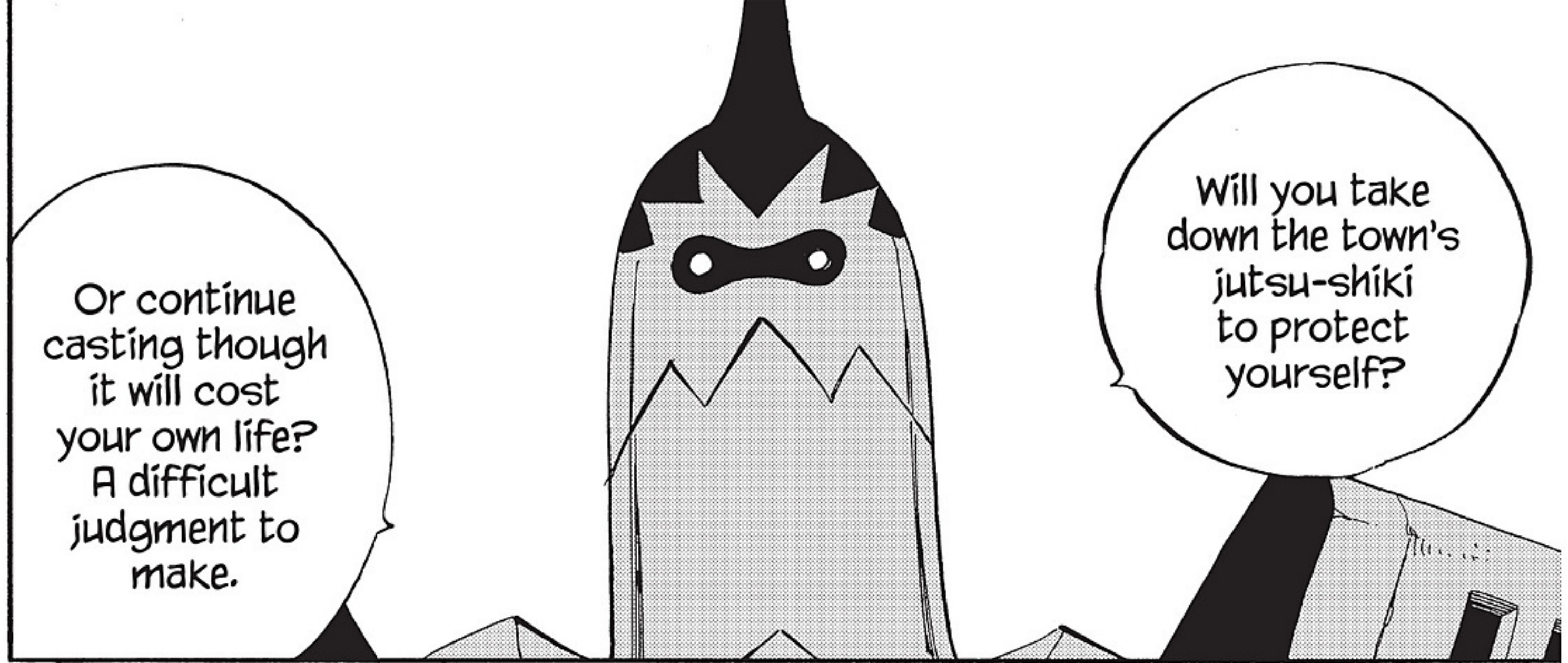
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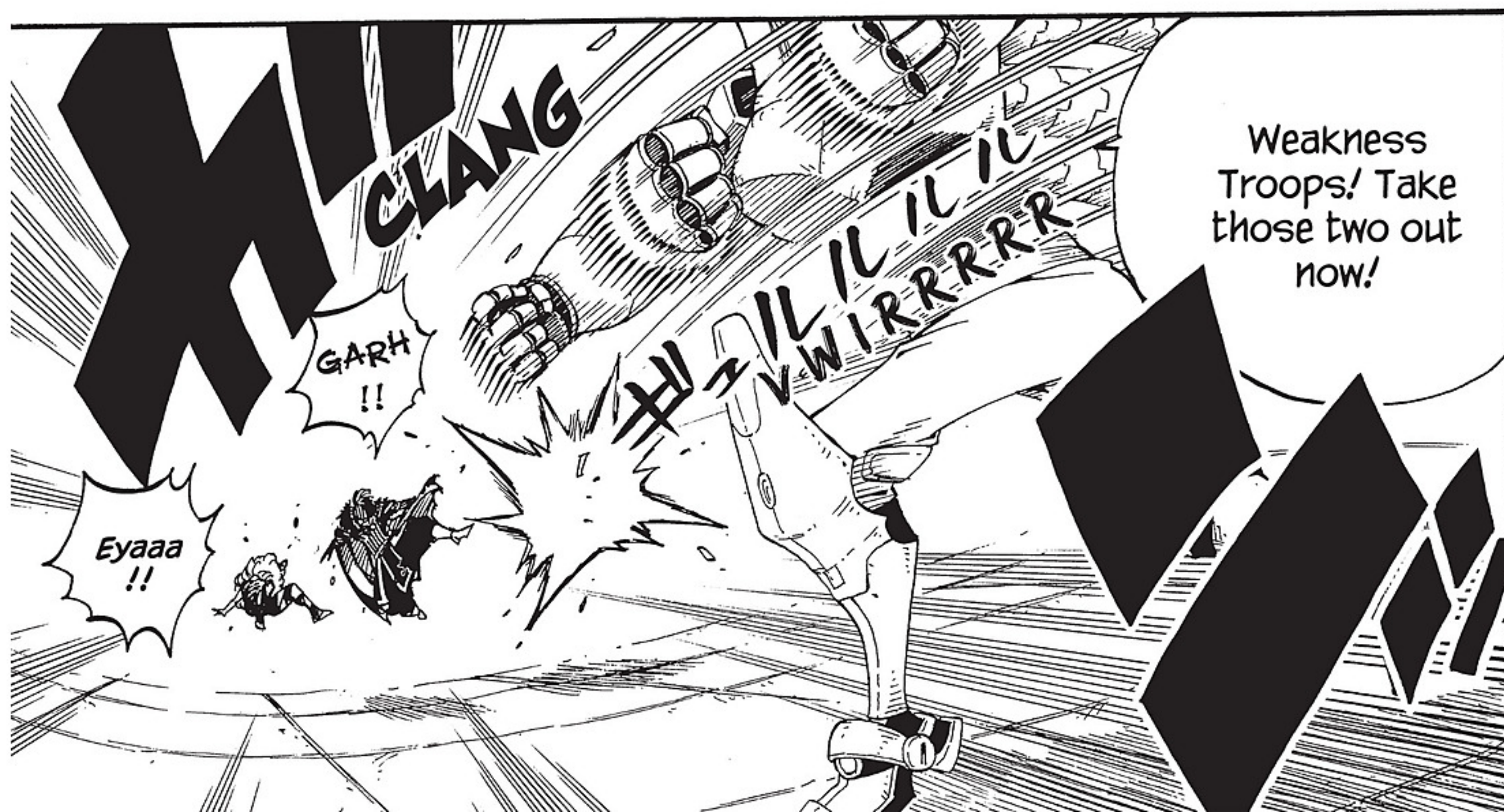
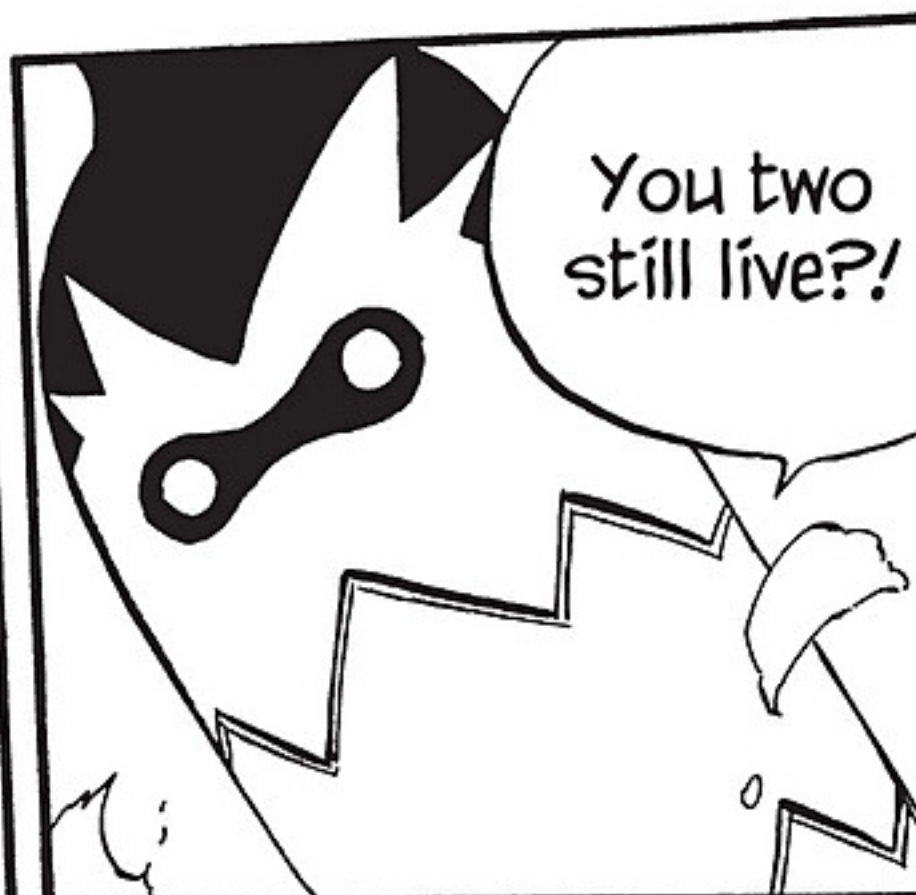


VWOOSH



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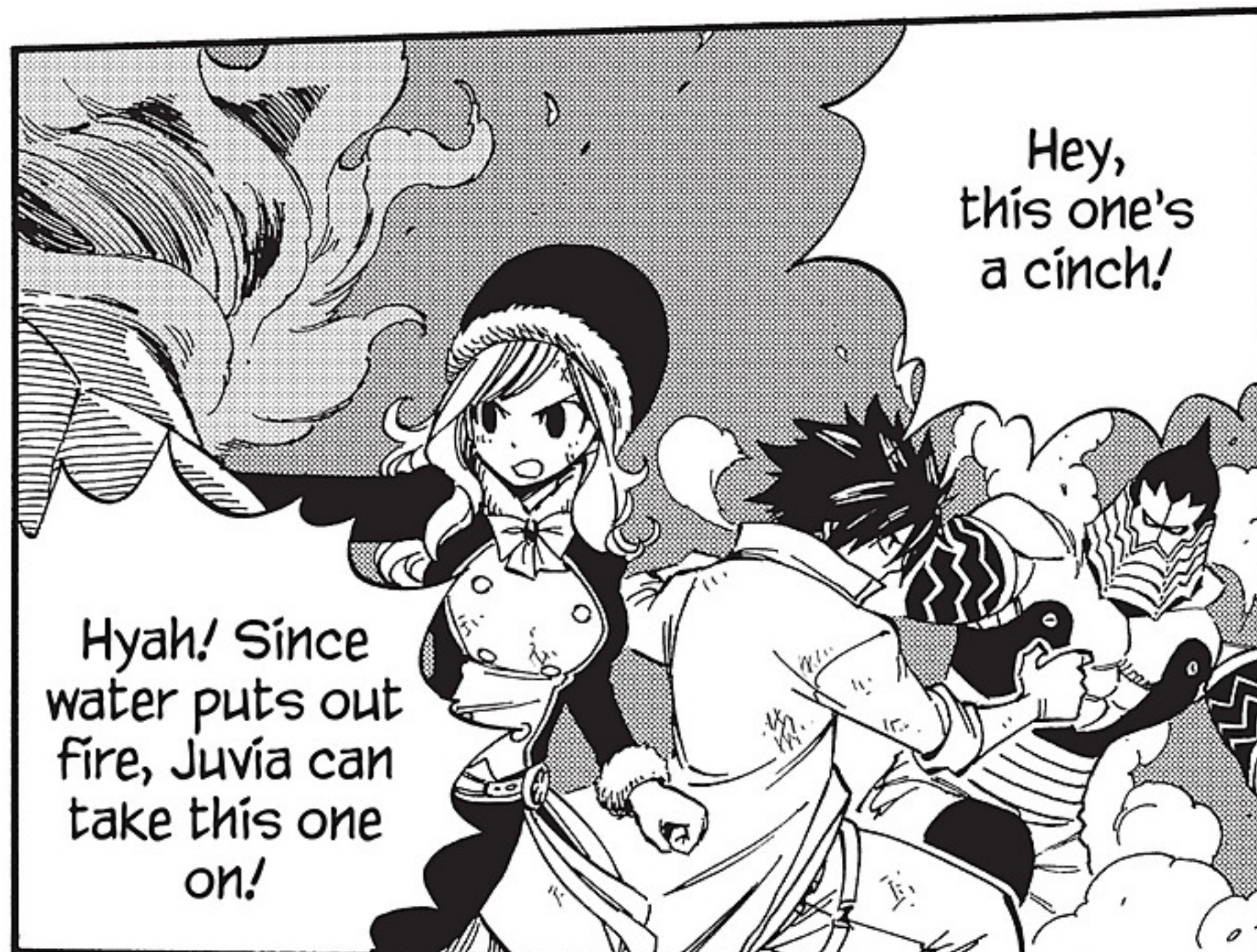


But if there's more than one of them, then go after someone else's attacker, Ever!



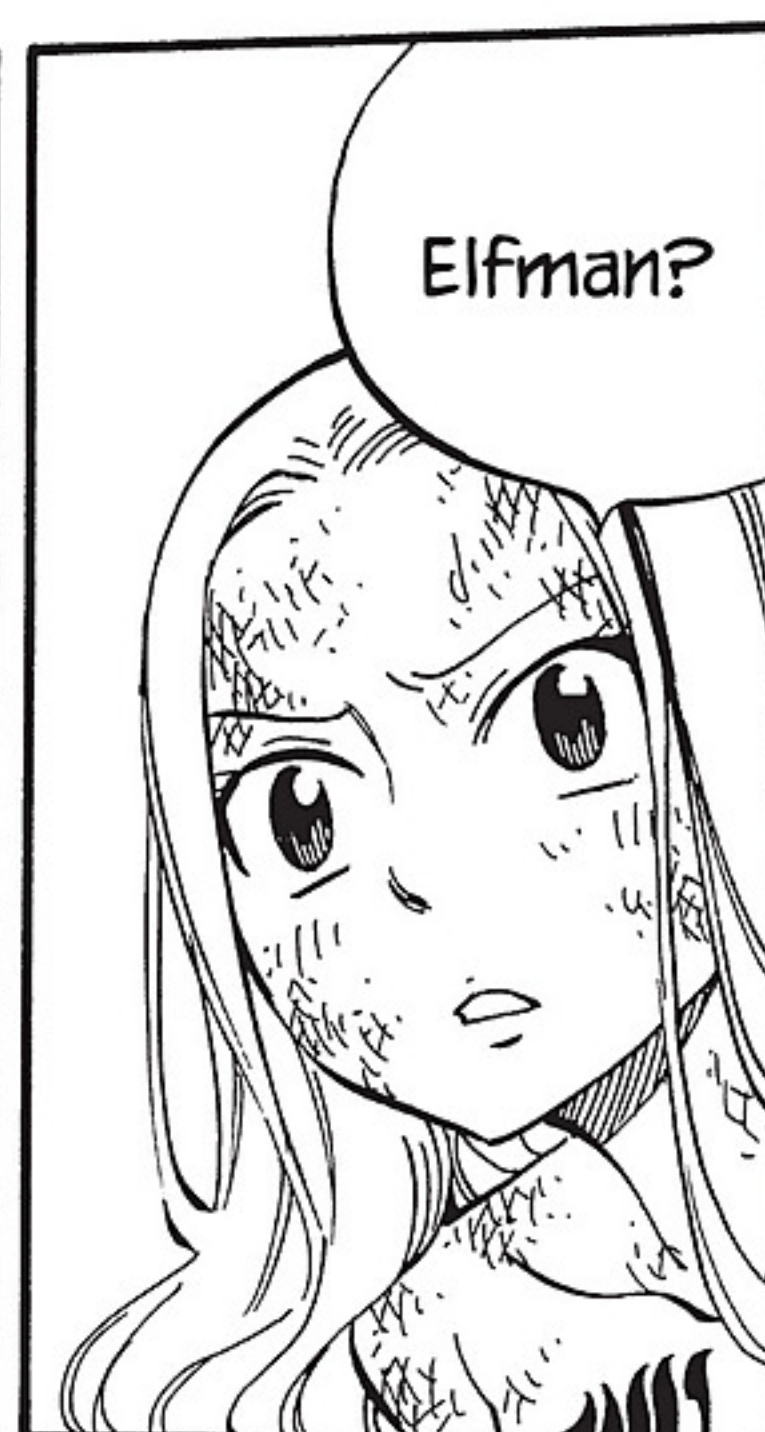
Weakness Troops?!

Yeah, they're a pain!



Hey, this one's a cinch!

Hyah! Since water puts out fire, Juvia can take this one on!



Elfman?



So we hit the Weakness Troops' weak points?



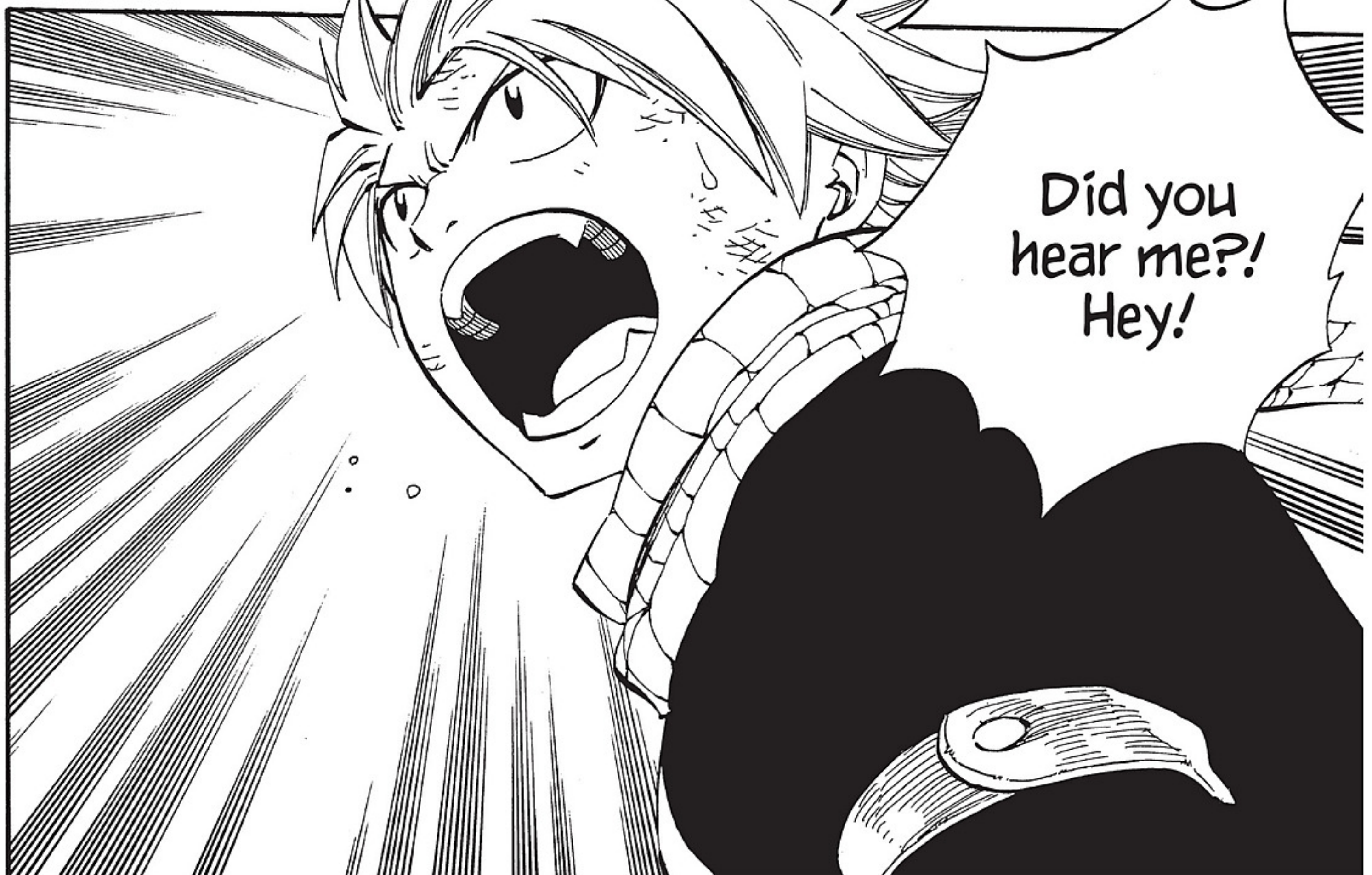
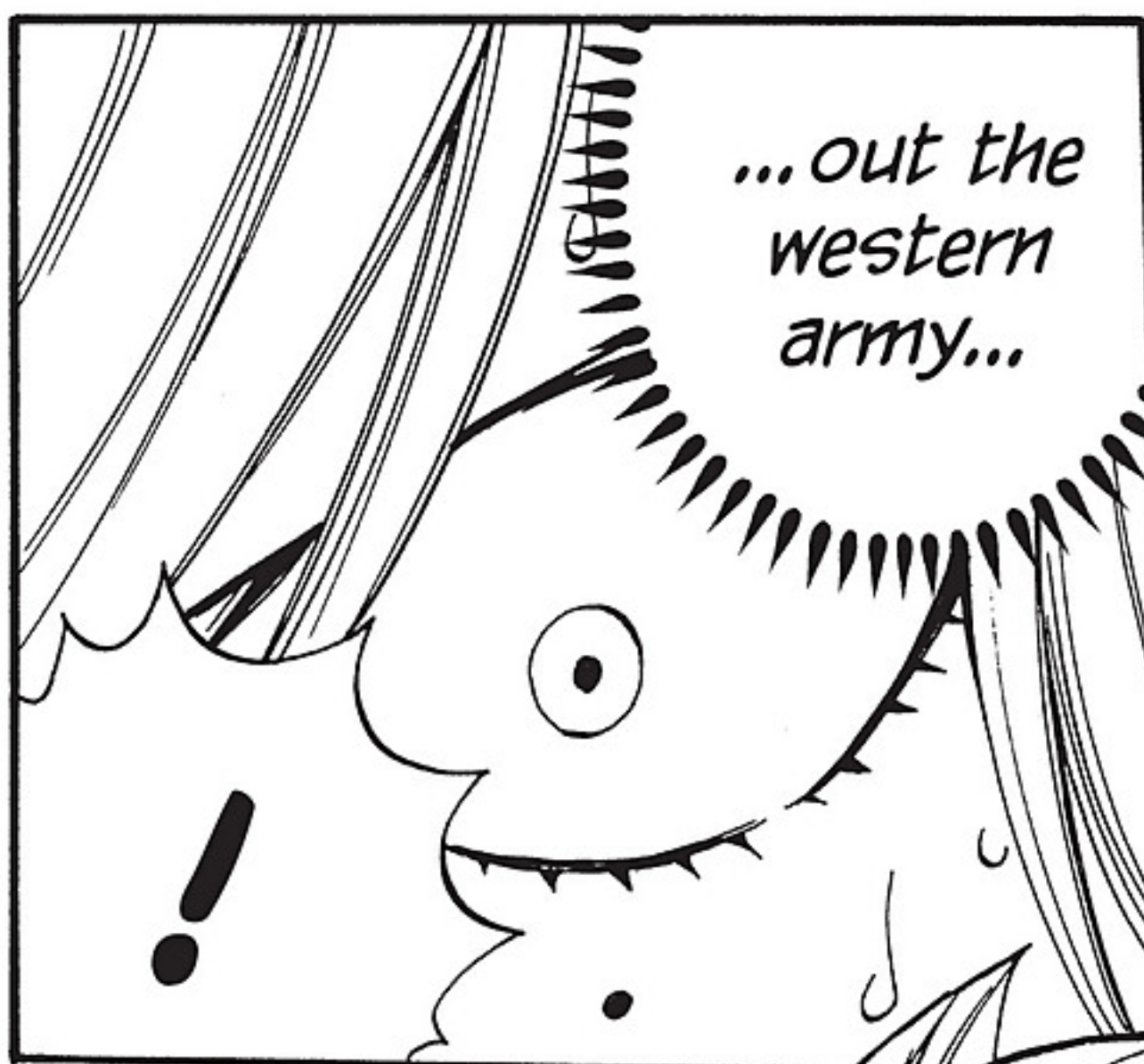
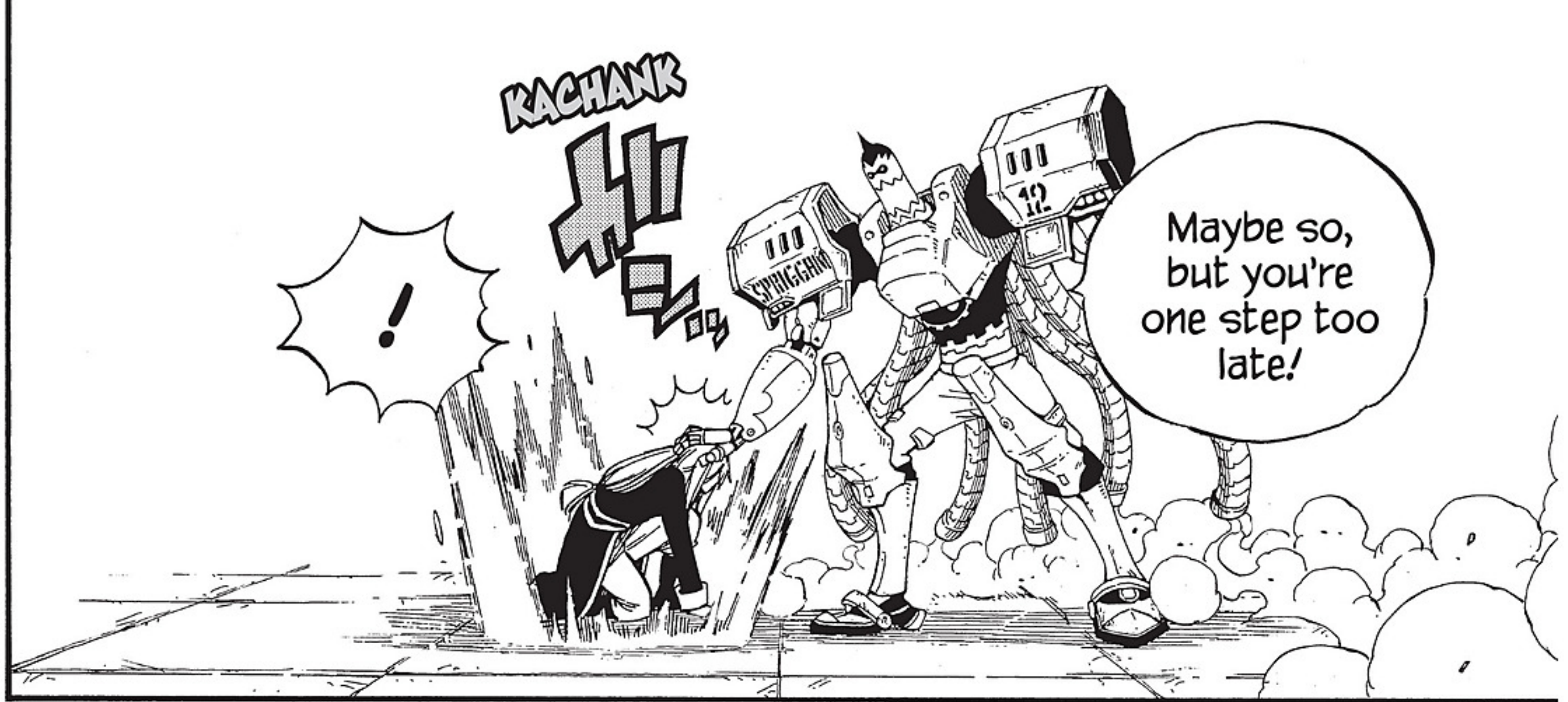
Mirajane! Mirajane!

And I'm *really* good at beating myself up!!

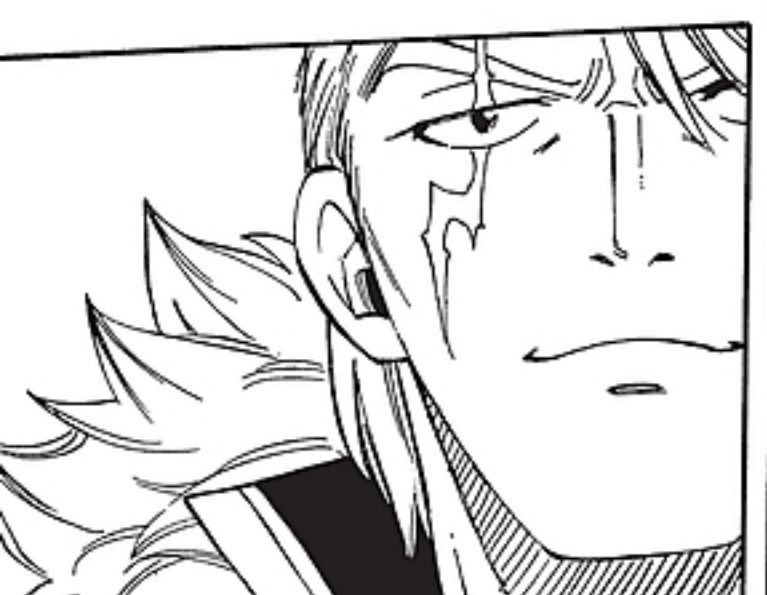
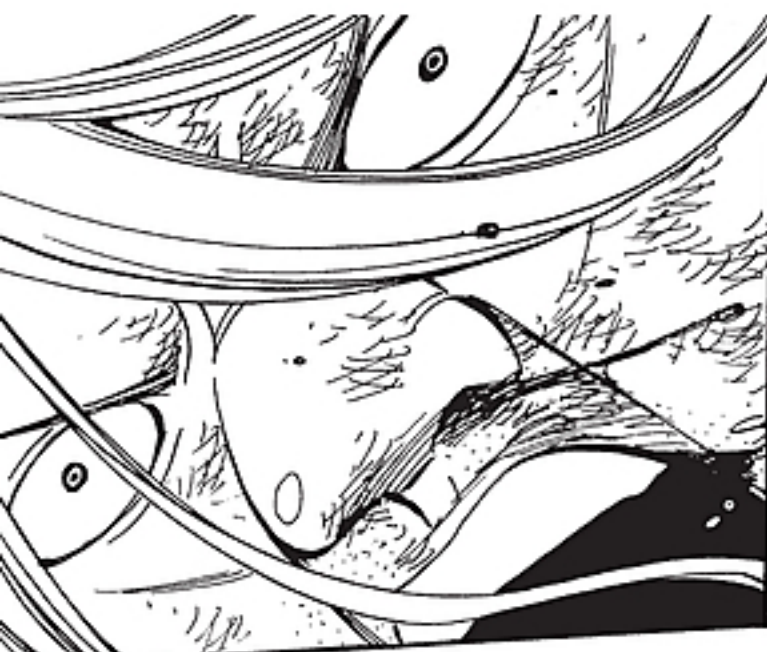


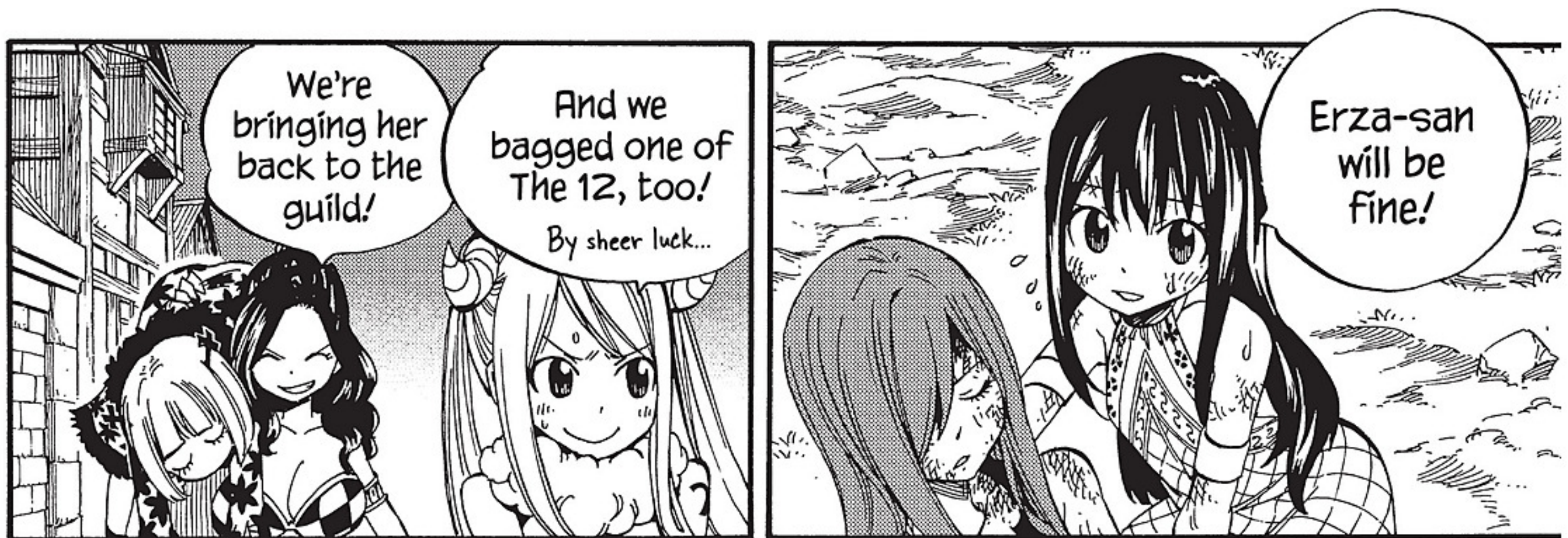
Leave the fast one to me!

I'll take the strong one!







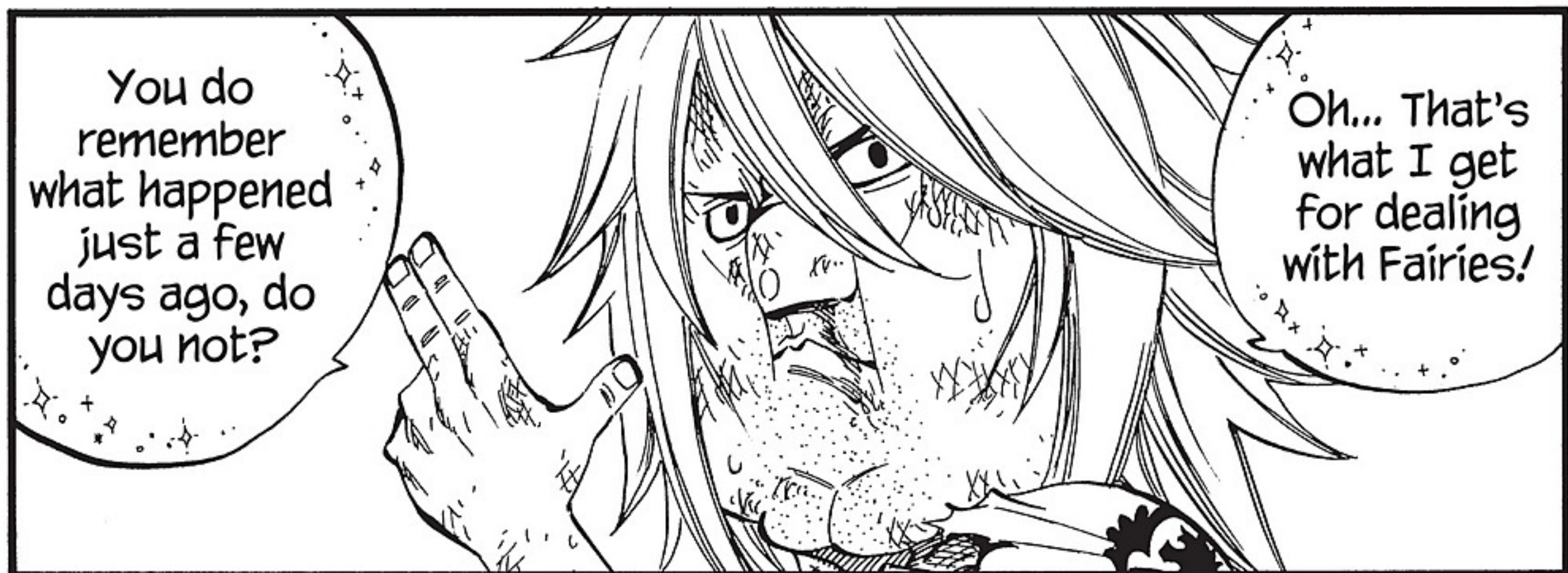
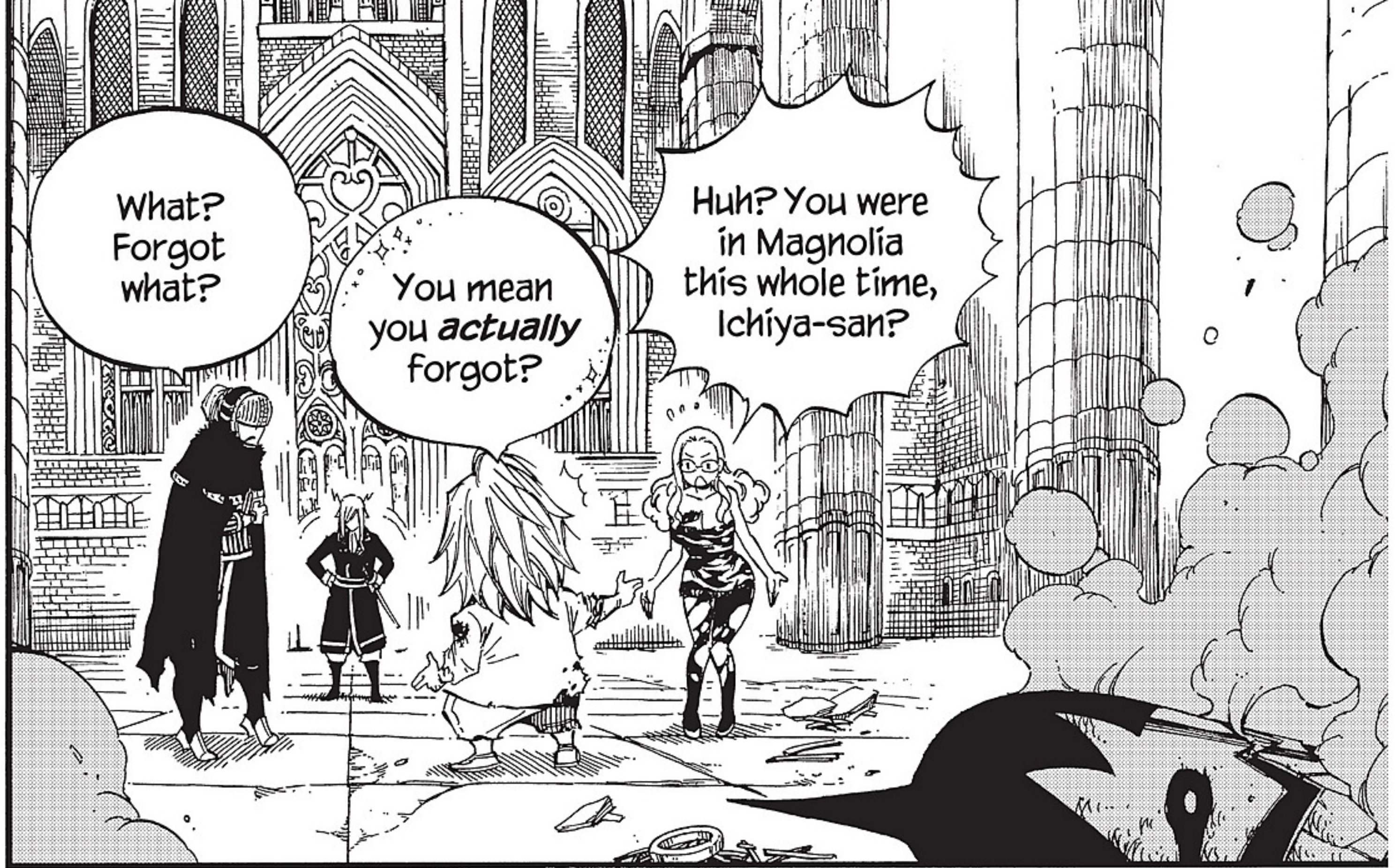


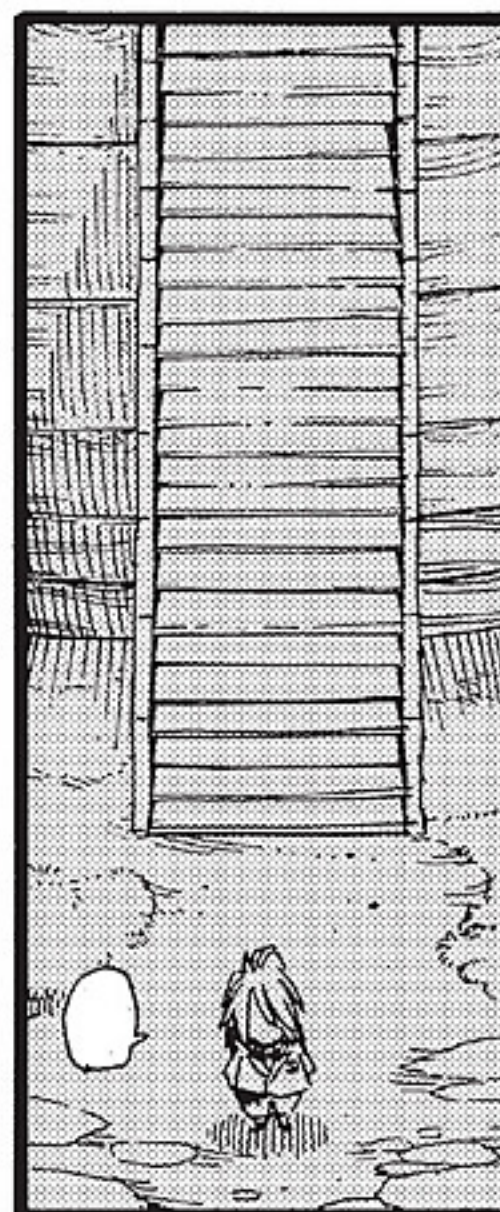
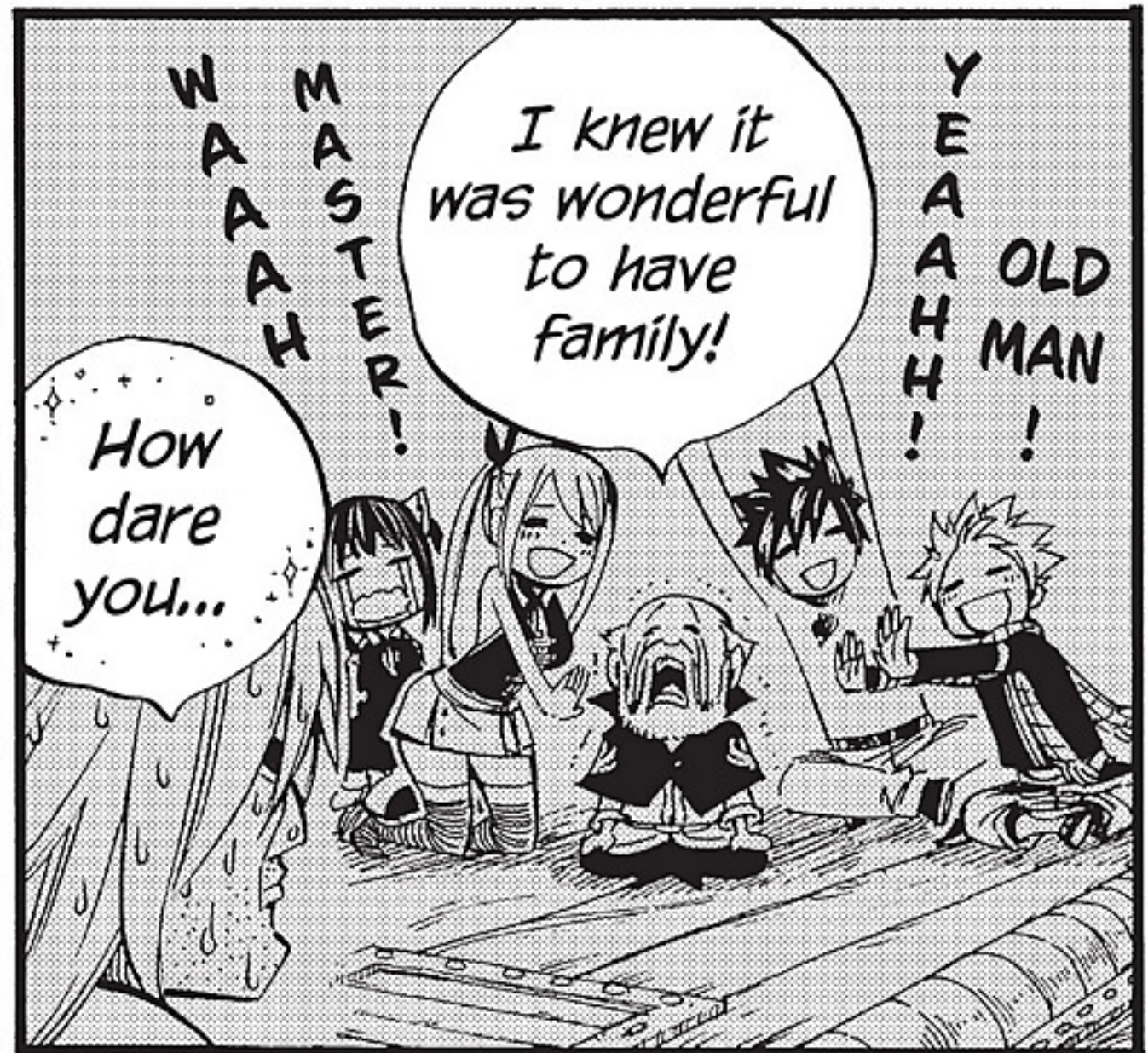
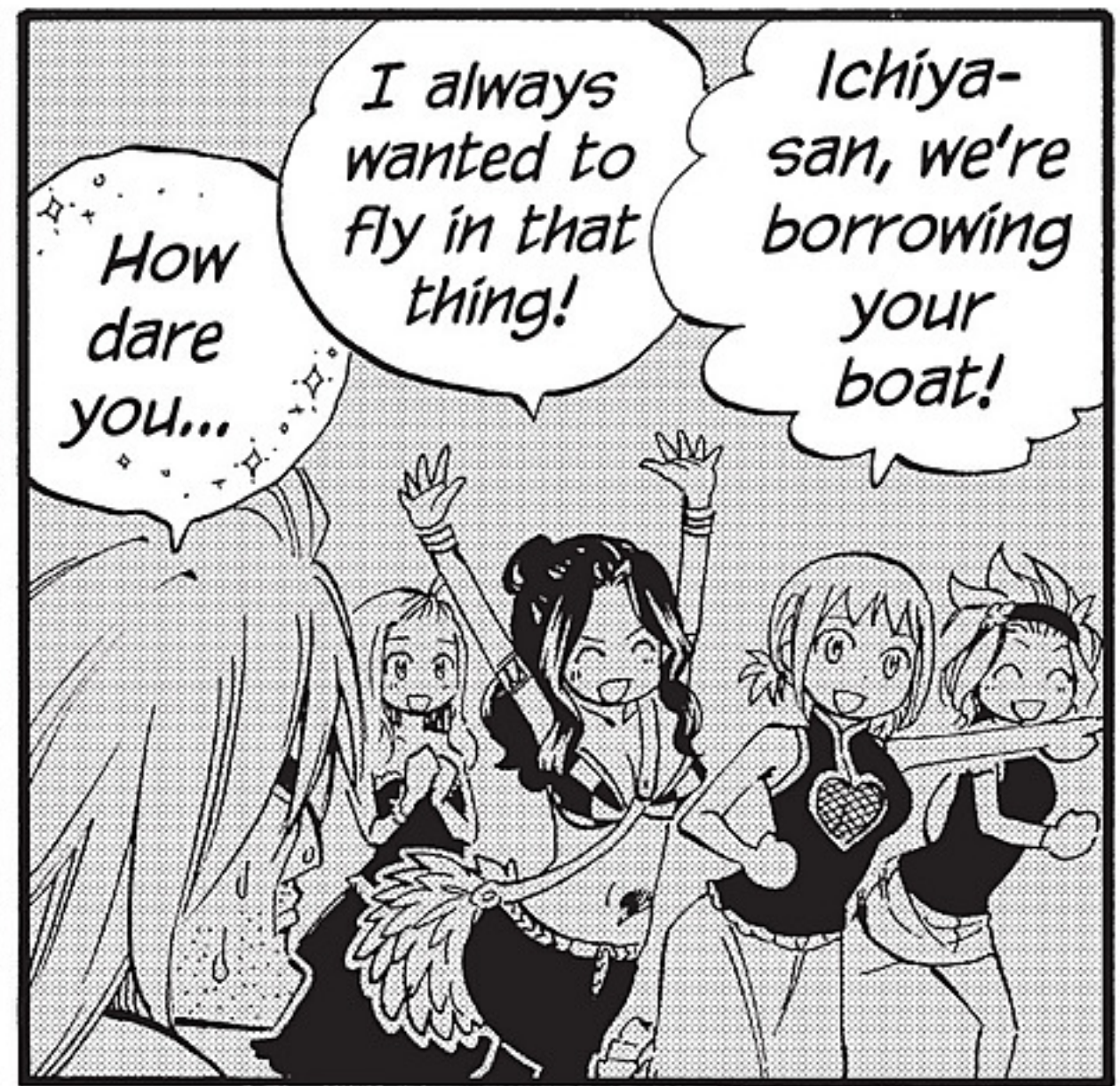
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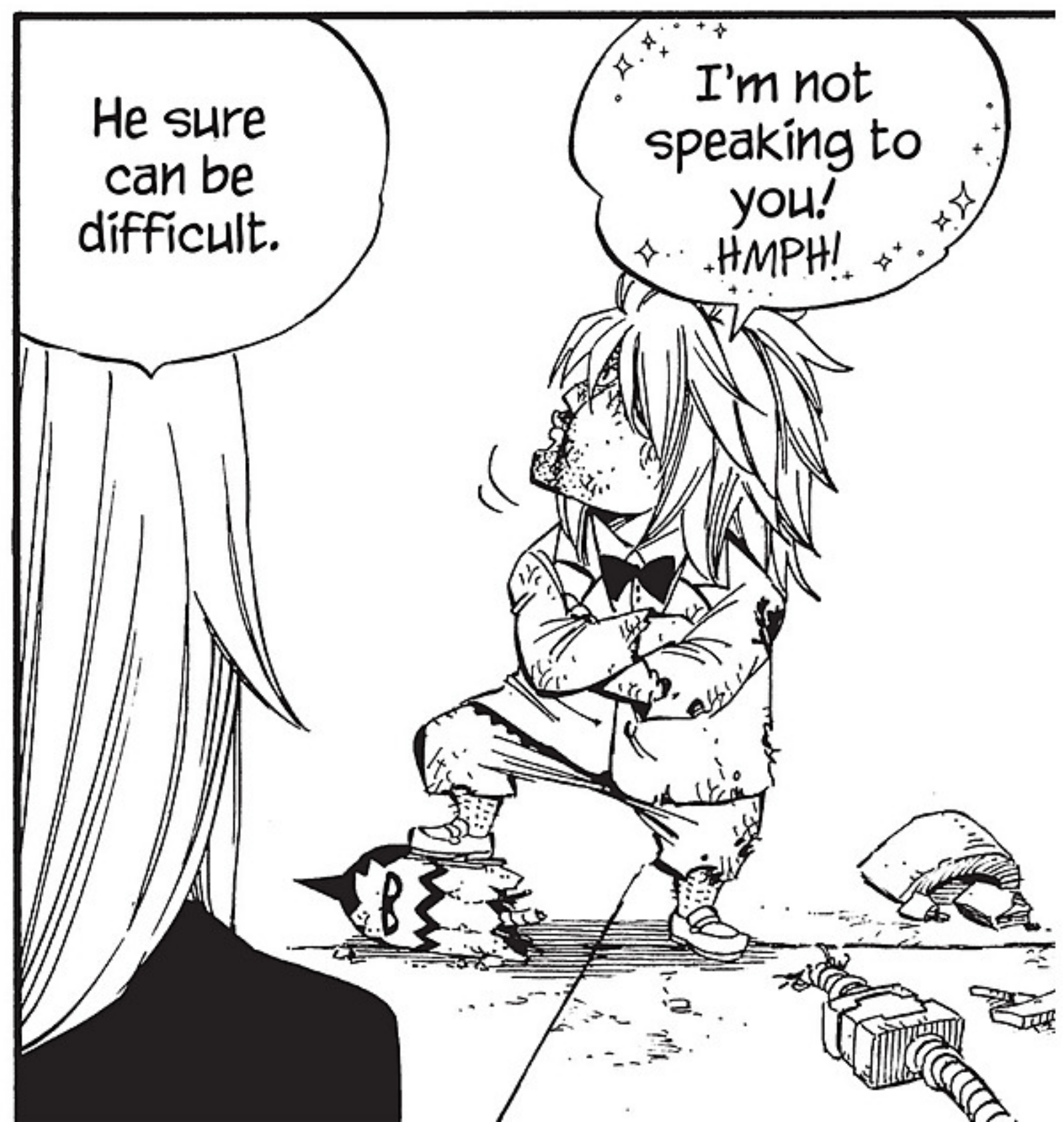
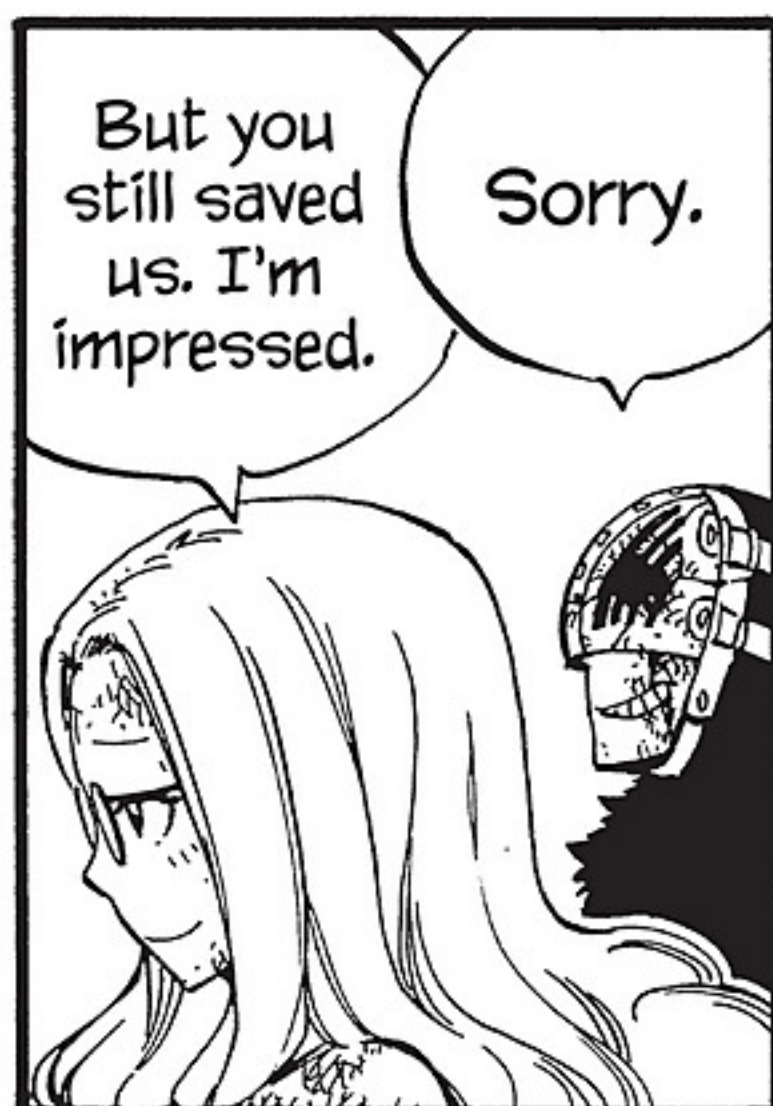
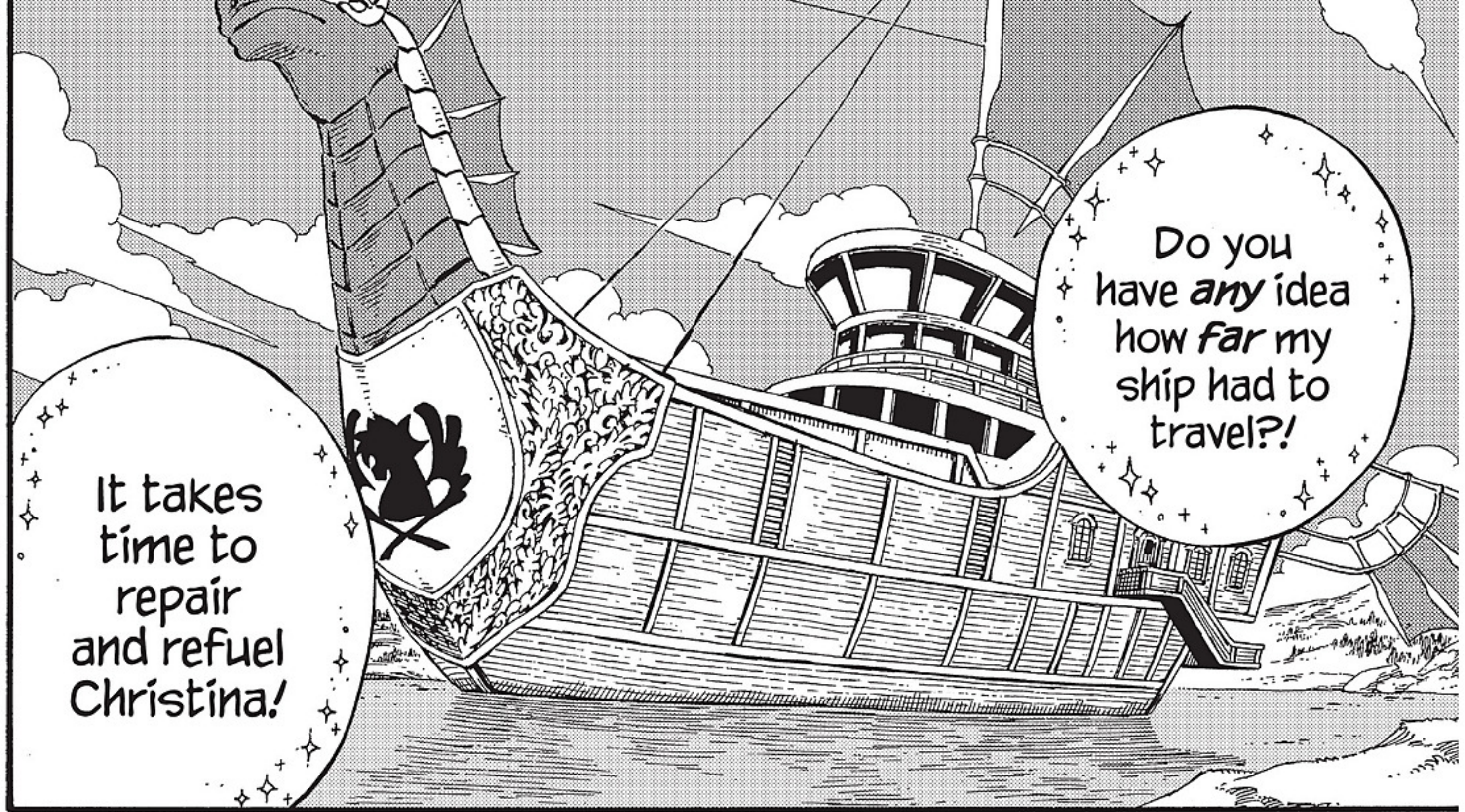
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Chapter 461: This Perfume Goes To...











AH HYA
HYA HYA
HYA!



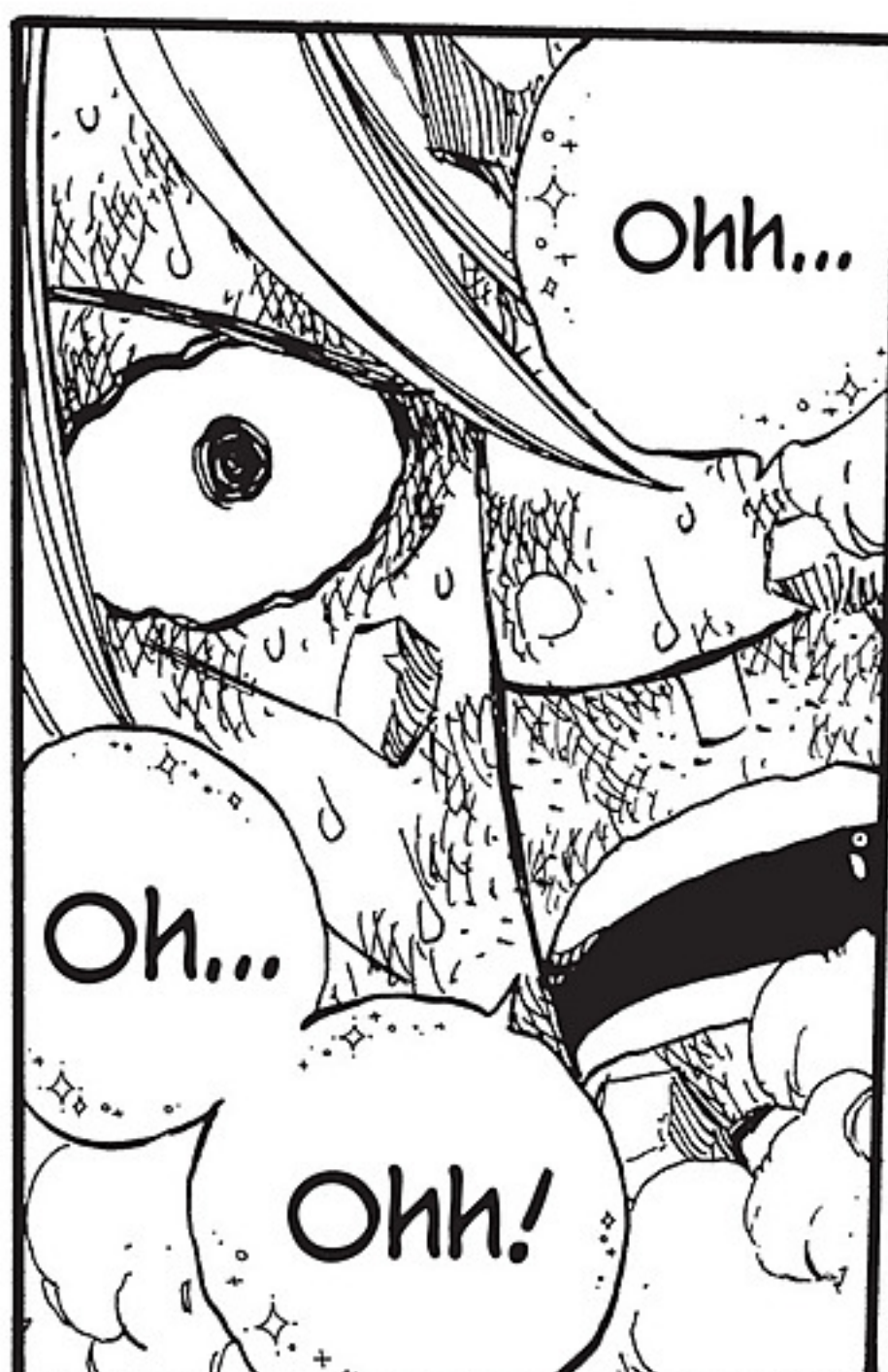
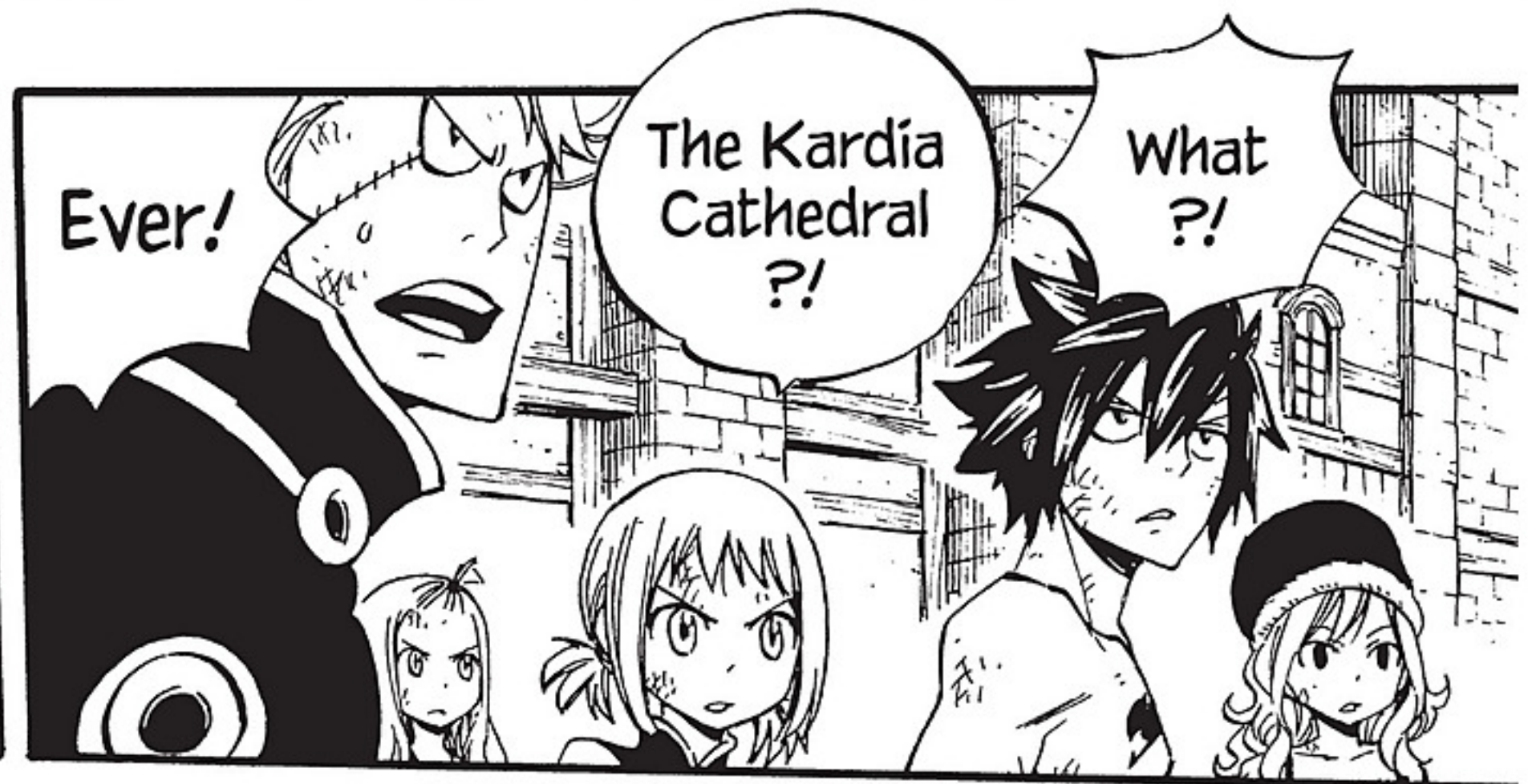
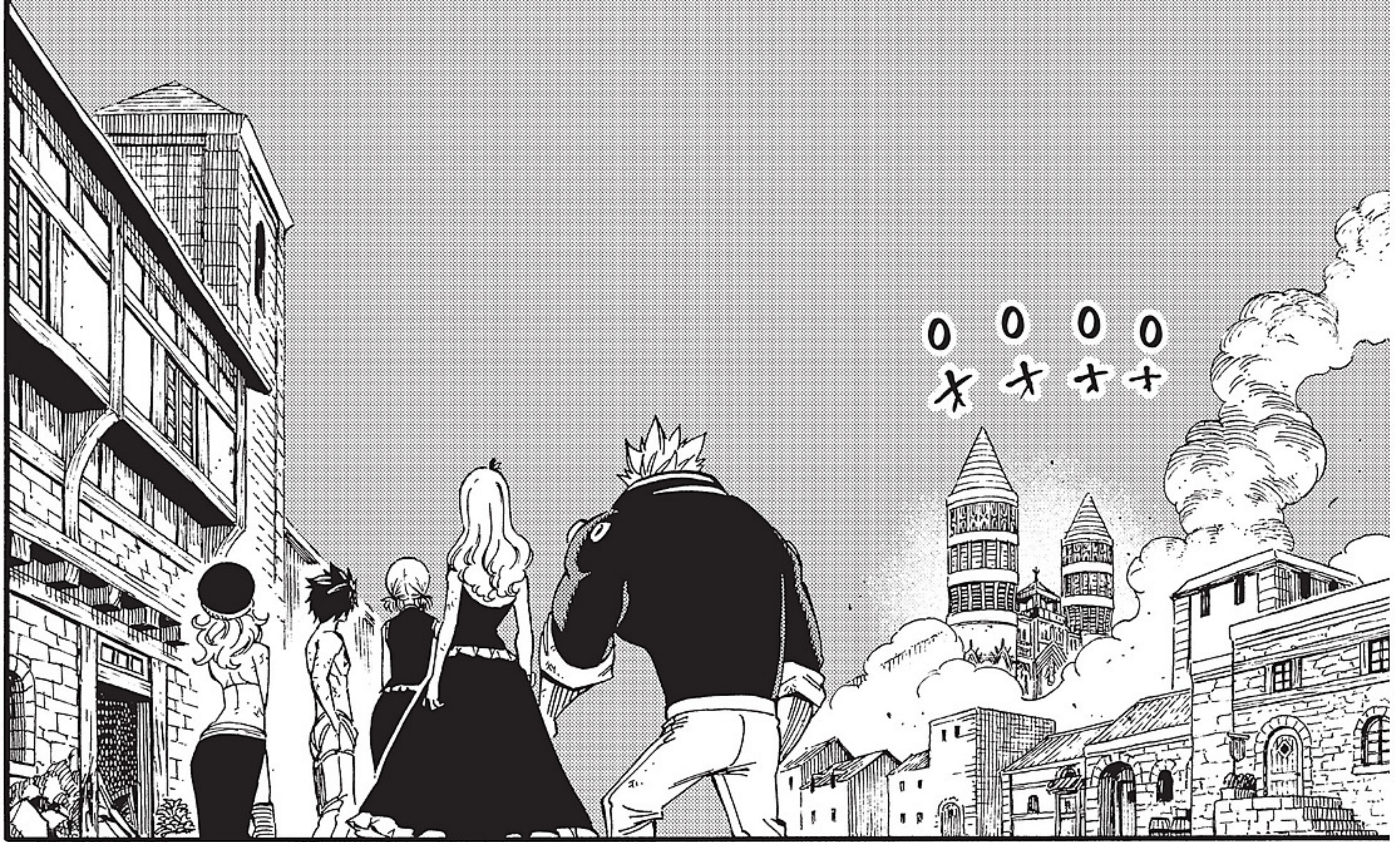
Y-You
mean...

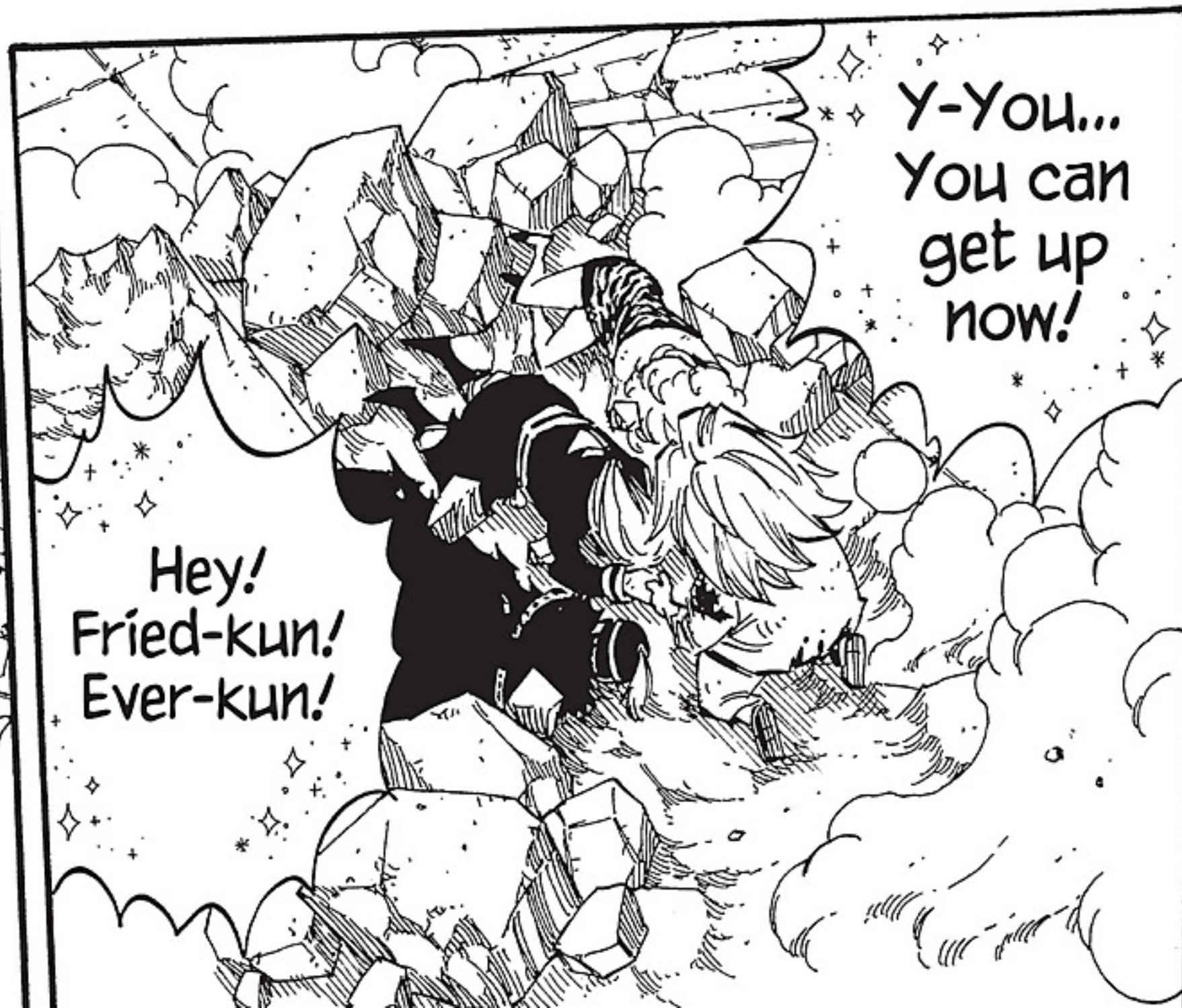
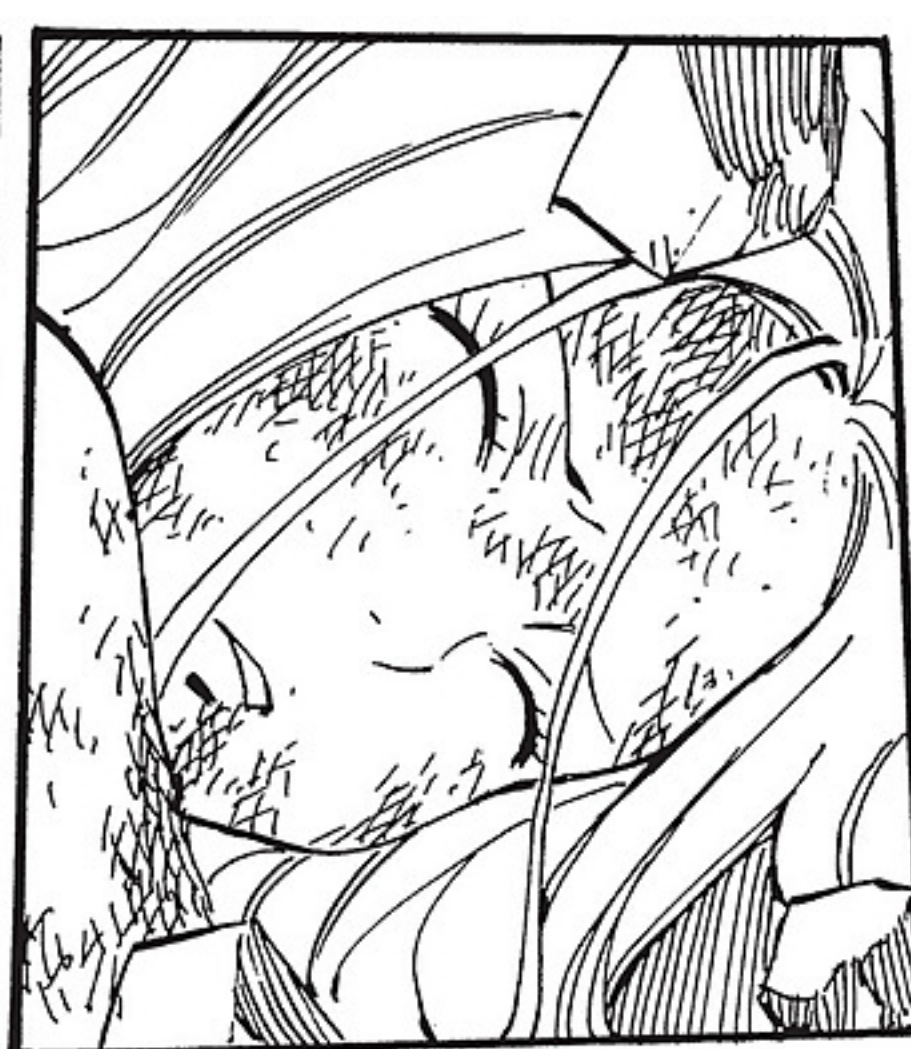
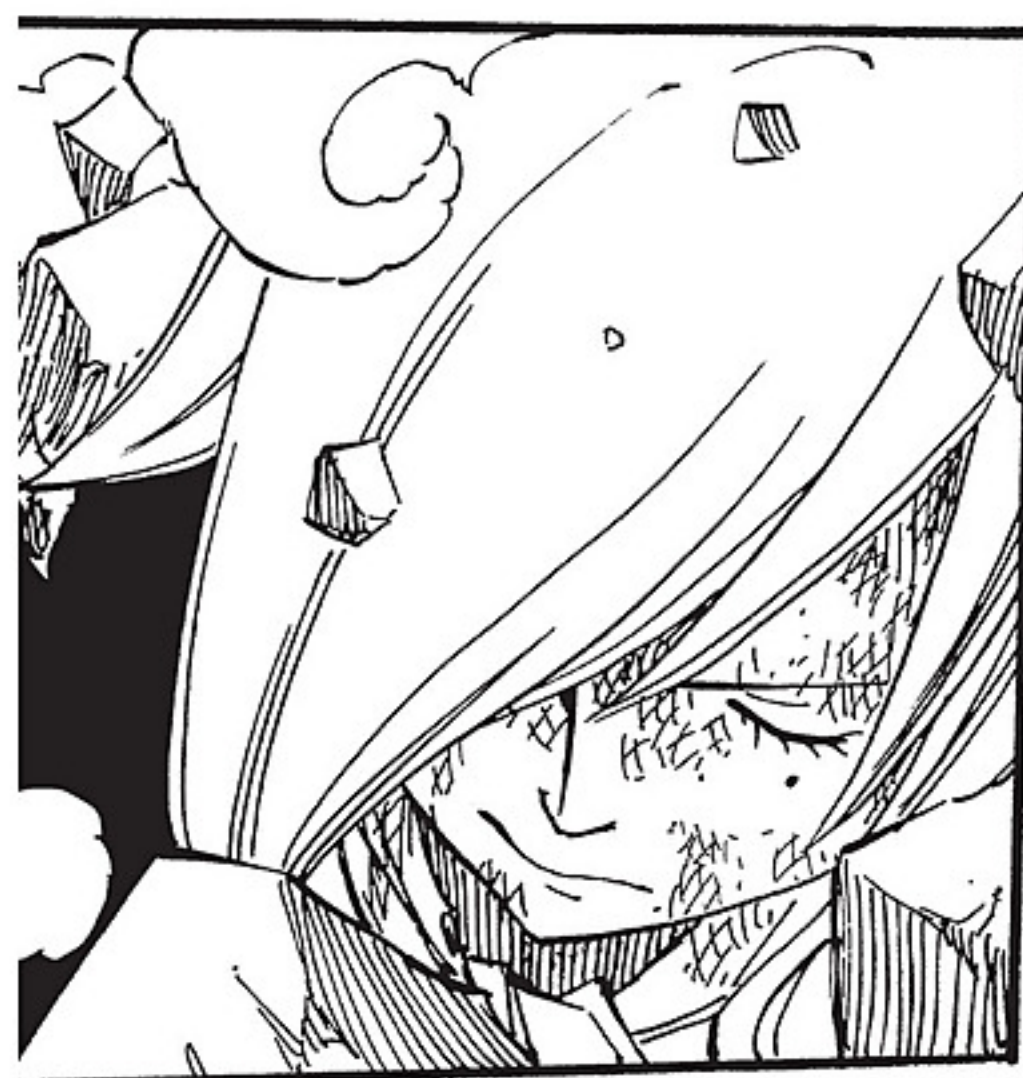


Hm?

Ichiya!
Watch
out!







When someone has
been...in a guild
with you...they're
just like family...
aren't they...?

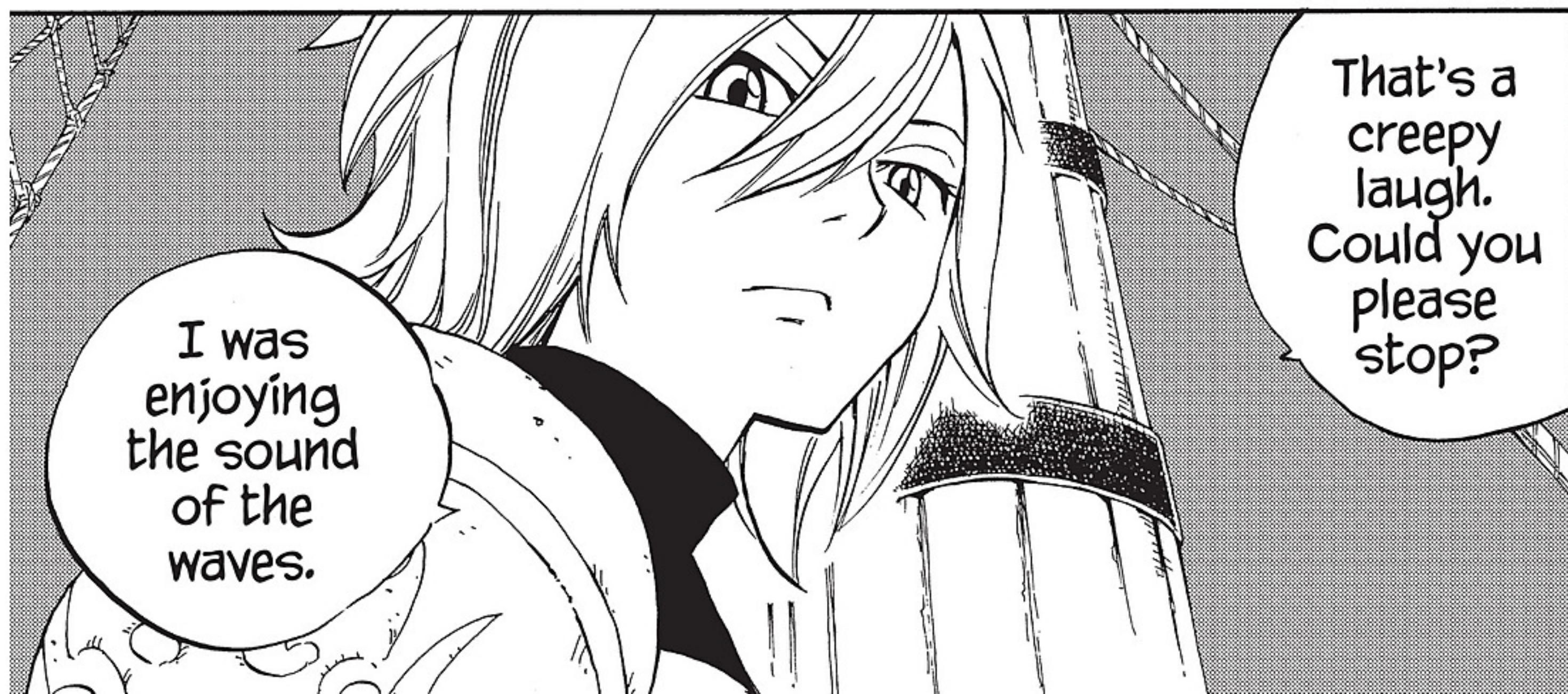
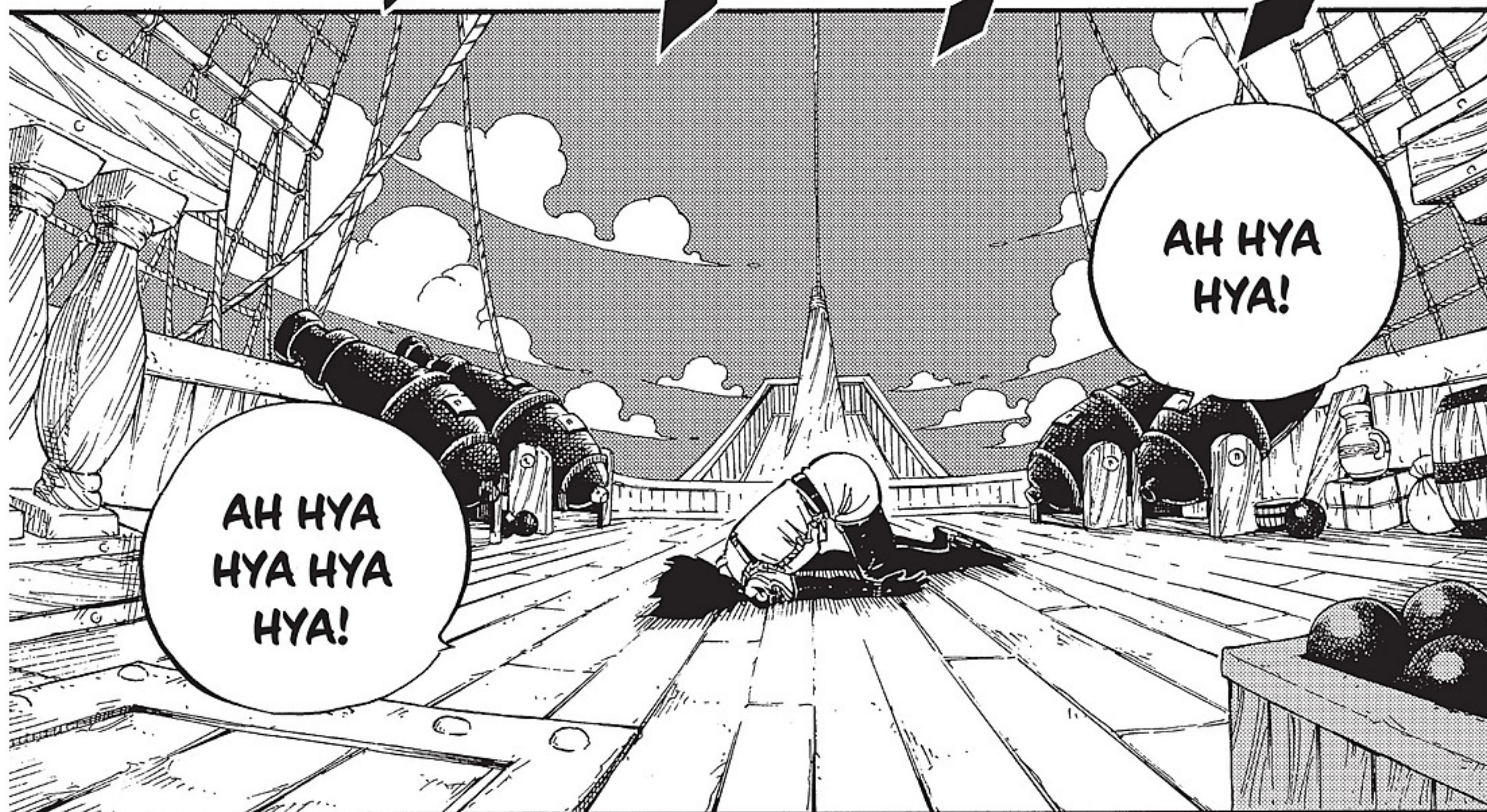
I'm
glad...you're
safe...

Now...we
don't owe
ya...nothin'...
right...?

You
really
...!

You...





AH

HYA

HYA

AH HYA
HYA HYA
HYA!

HYA

HYA

I can't help
it... They made
this case a
lot more fun
than my briefs
suggested...

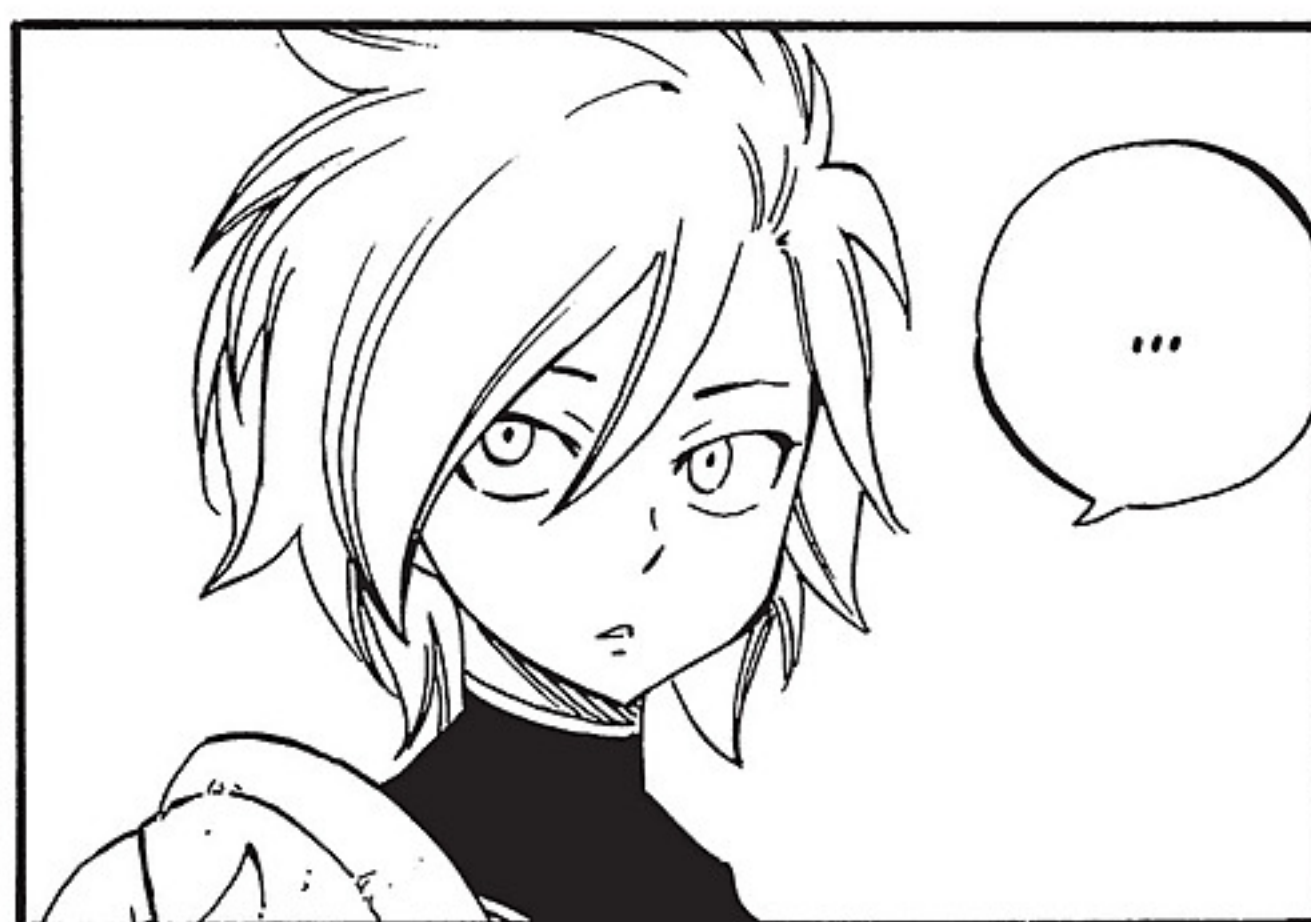
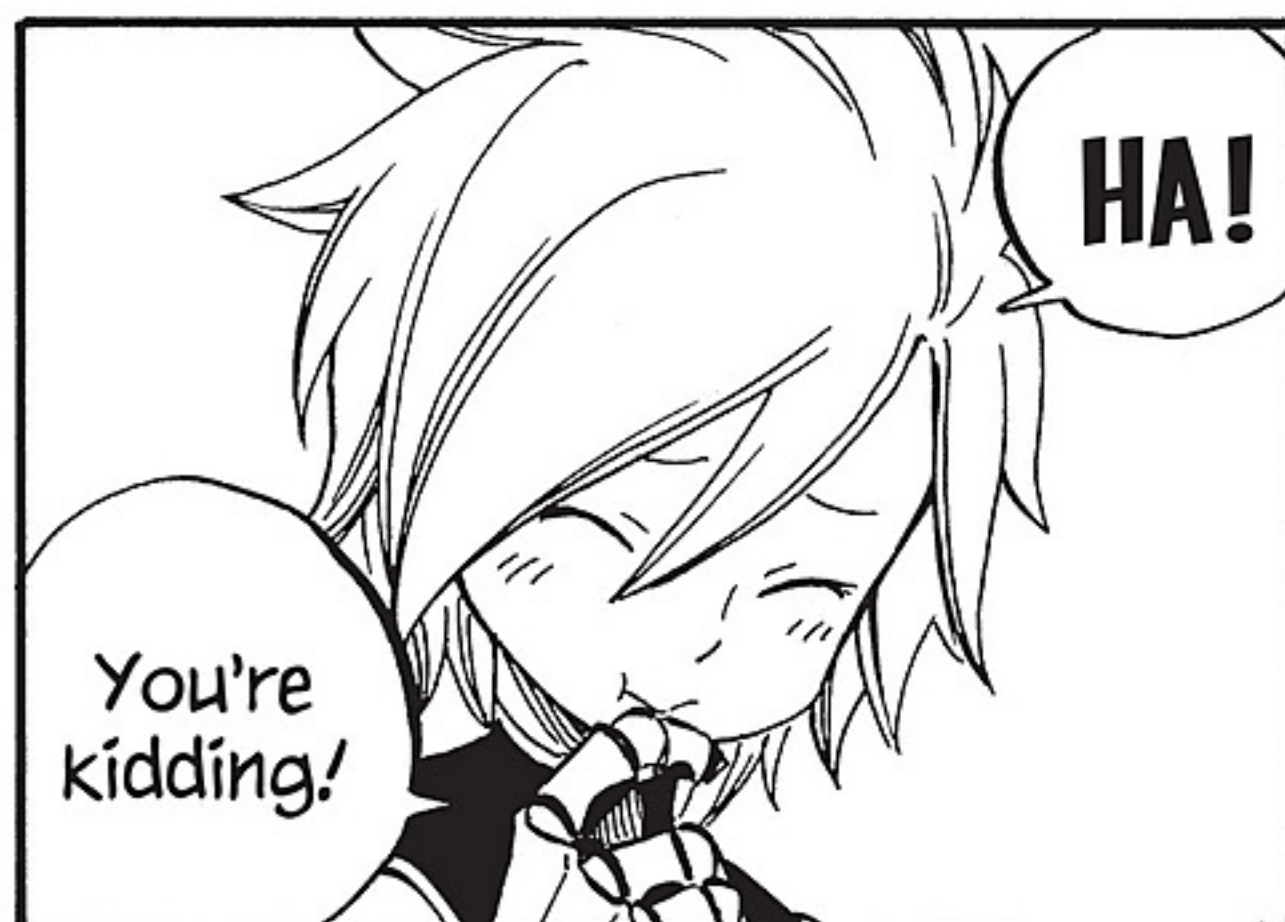
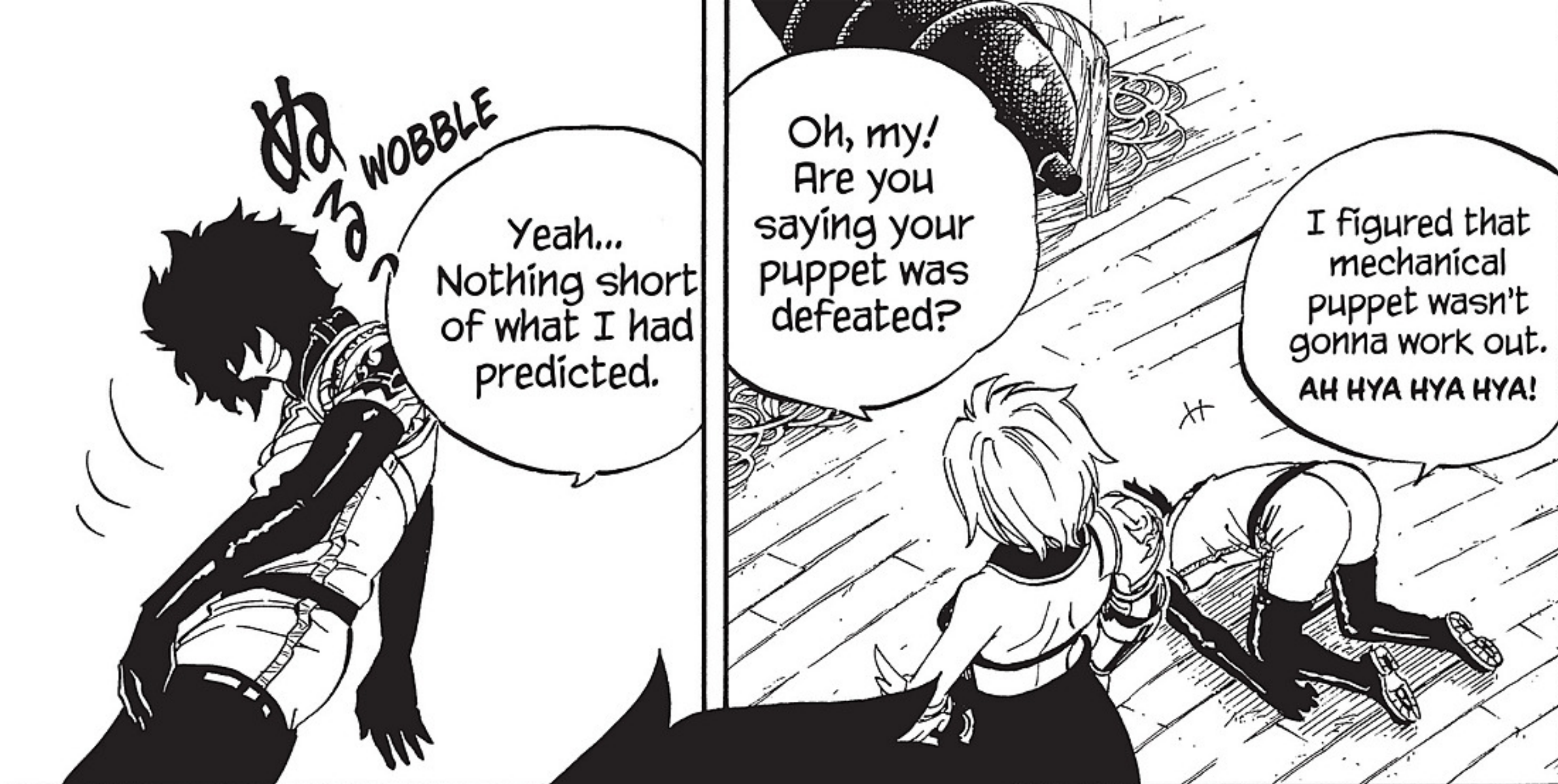
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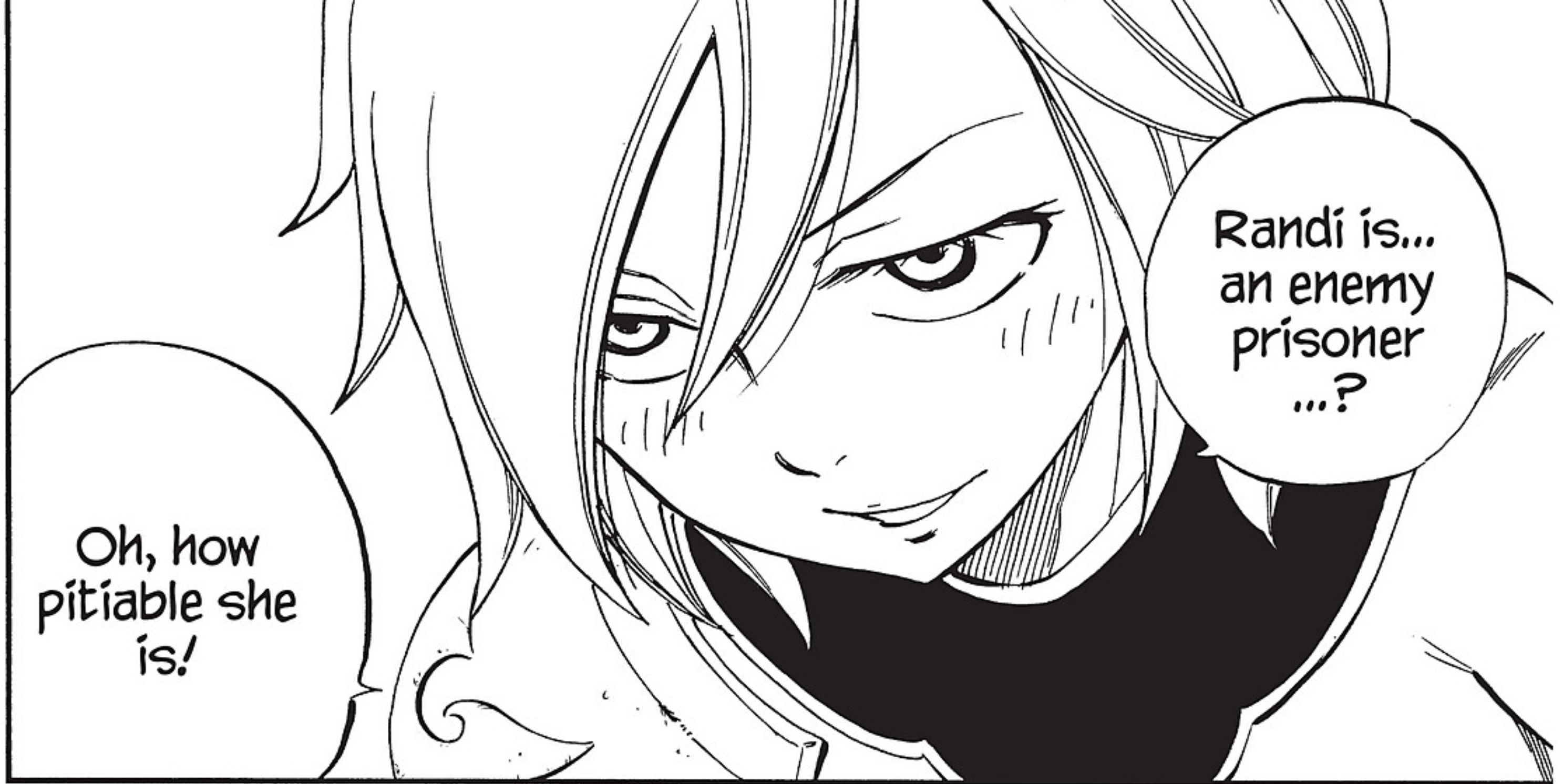
AH HYA HYA!
Oh! I guess I
should stop with
the legal talk, ya
know?

WALL EEHTO
(HIS REAL BODY)

HYA

HYA





Oh, how pitiable she is!

Randi is...
an enemy prisoner
...?



I suppose that's why the emperor sent all our forces to attack them, huh?

AH HYA
HYA HYA!
Ain't it a hoot?!

I gotta say, Fairy Tail ain't half bad!

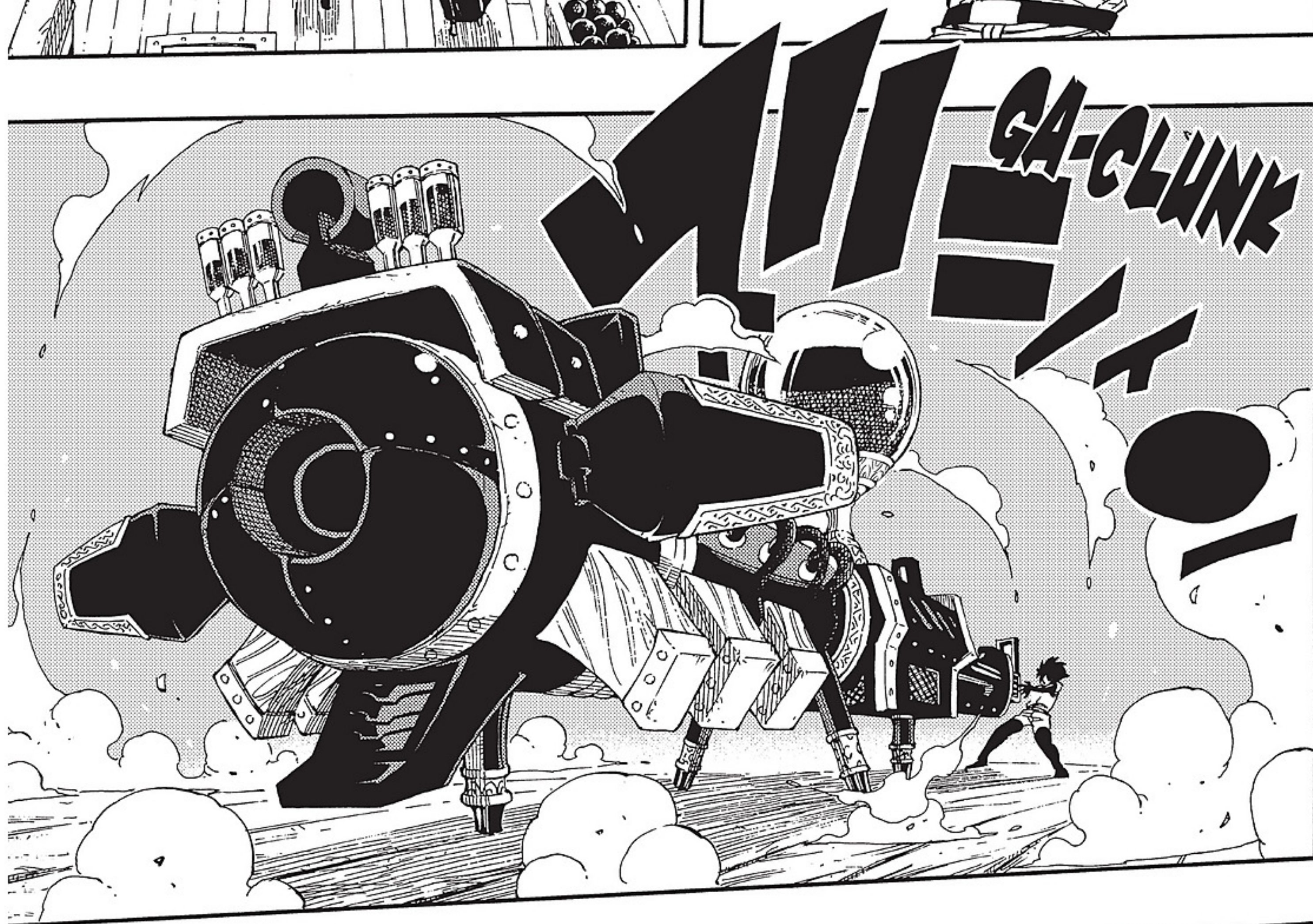


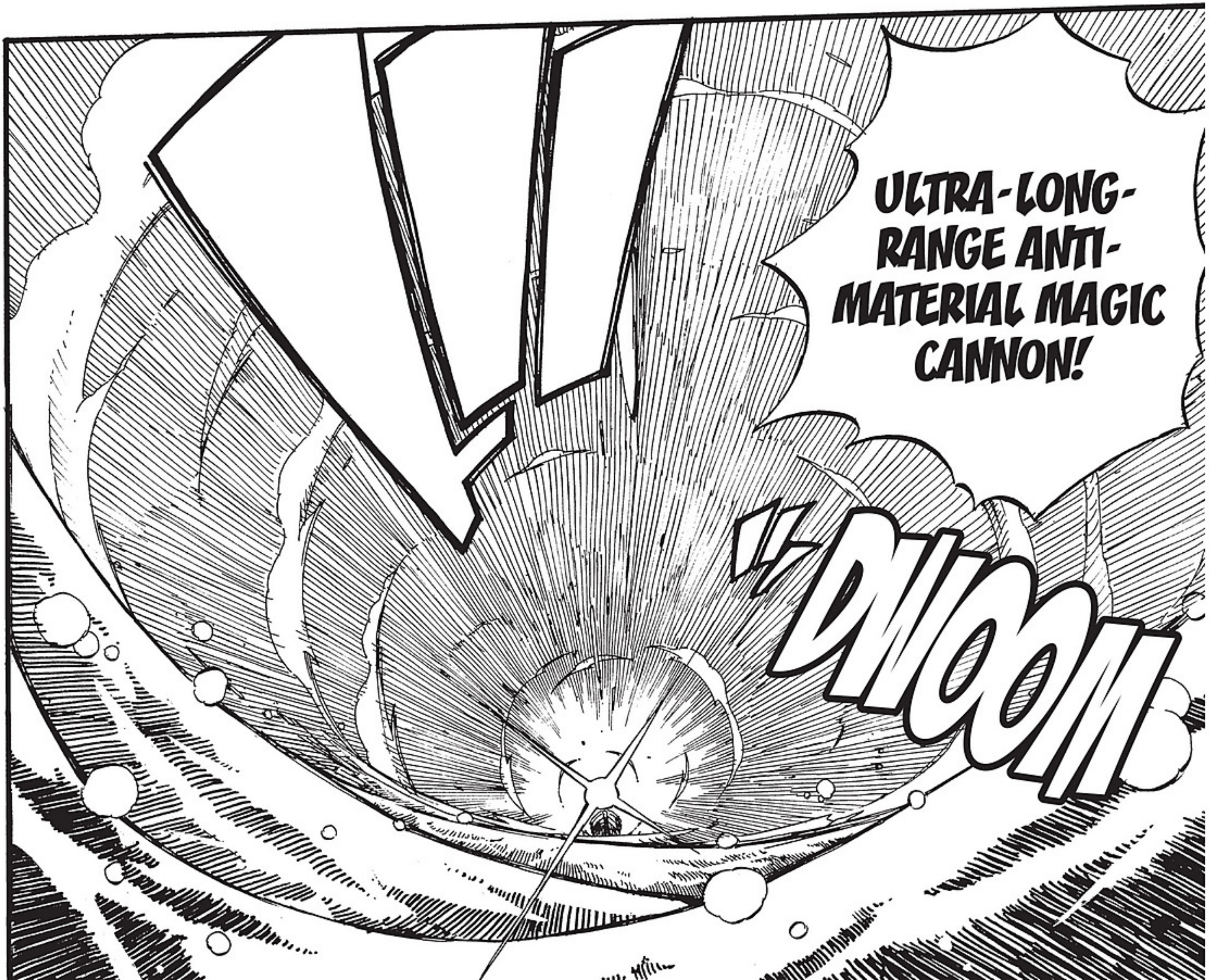
Now, don't get ahead of yourself. We'll make landfall soon, and our first task is to take control of the harbor town.

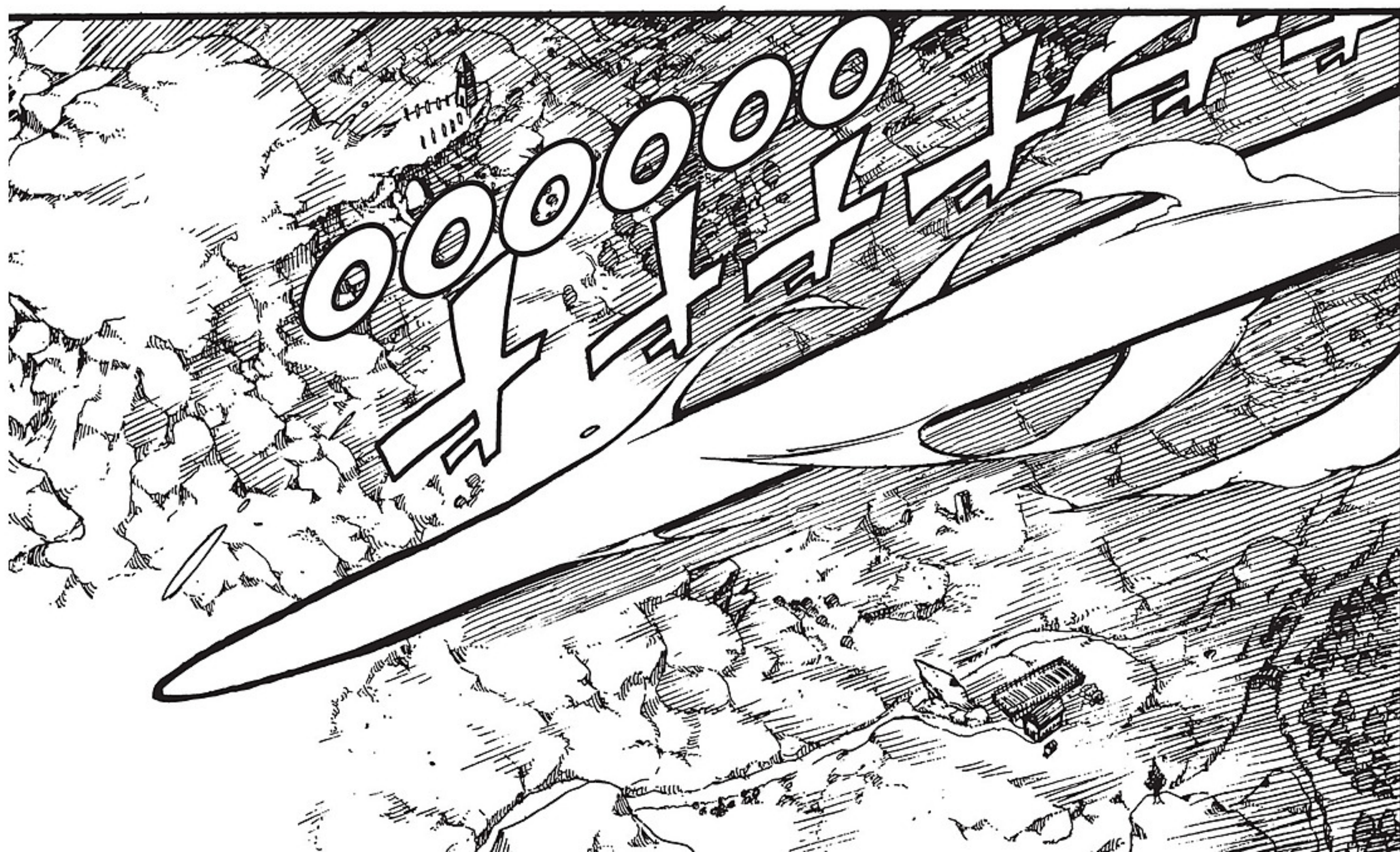


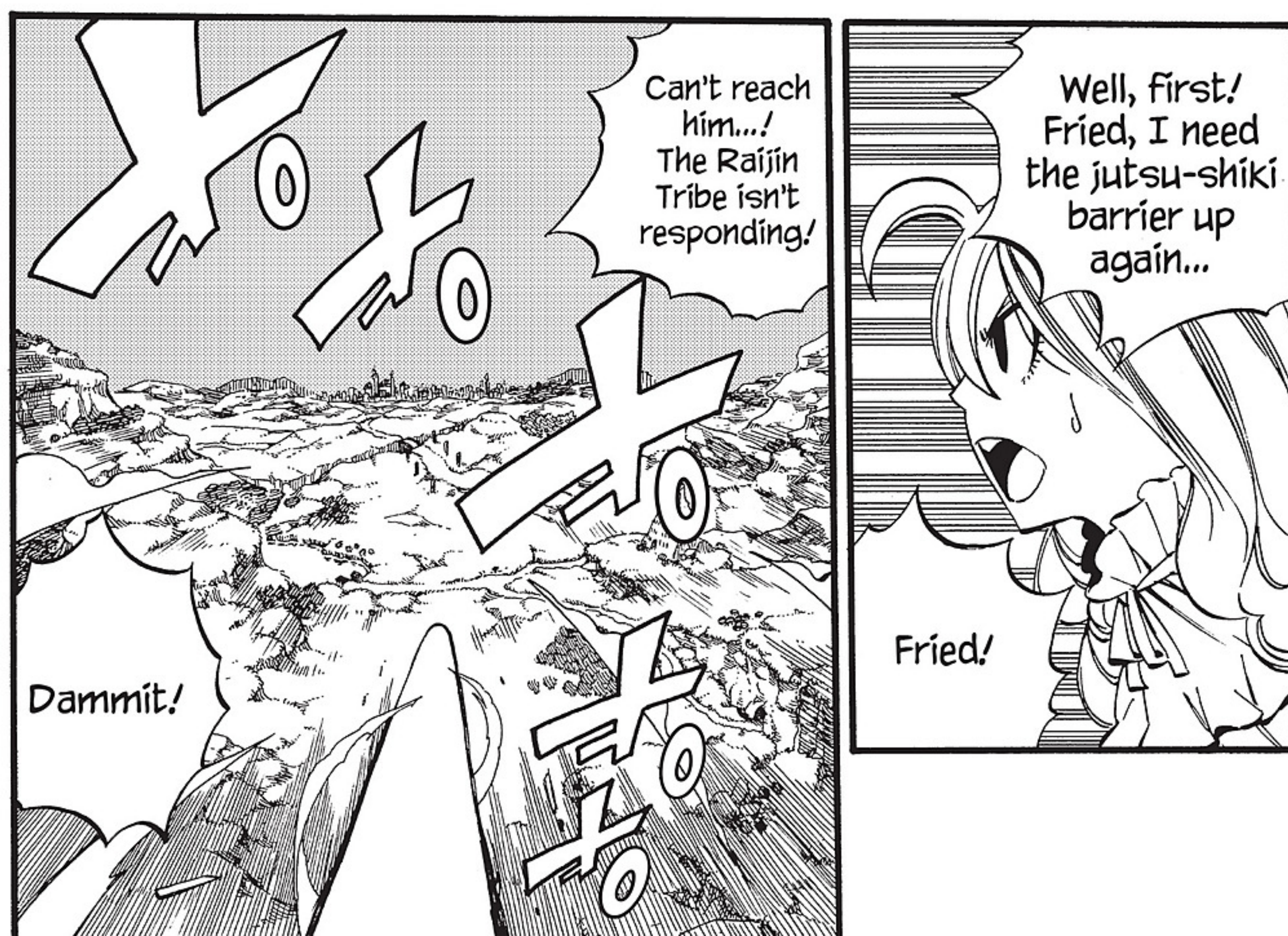
But... it's no fun havin' them think we're pushovers!

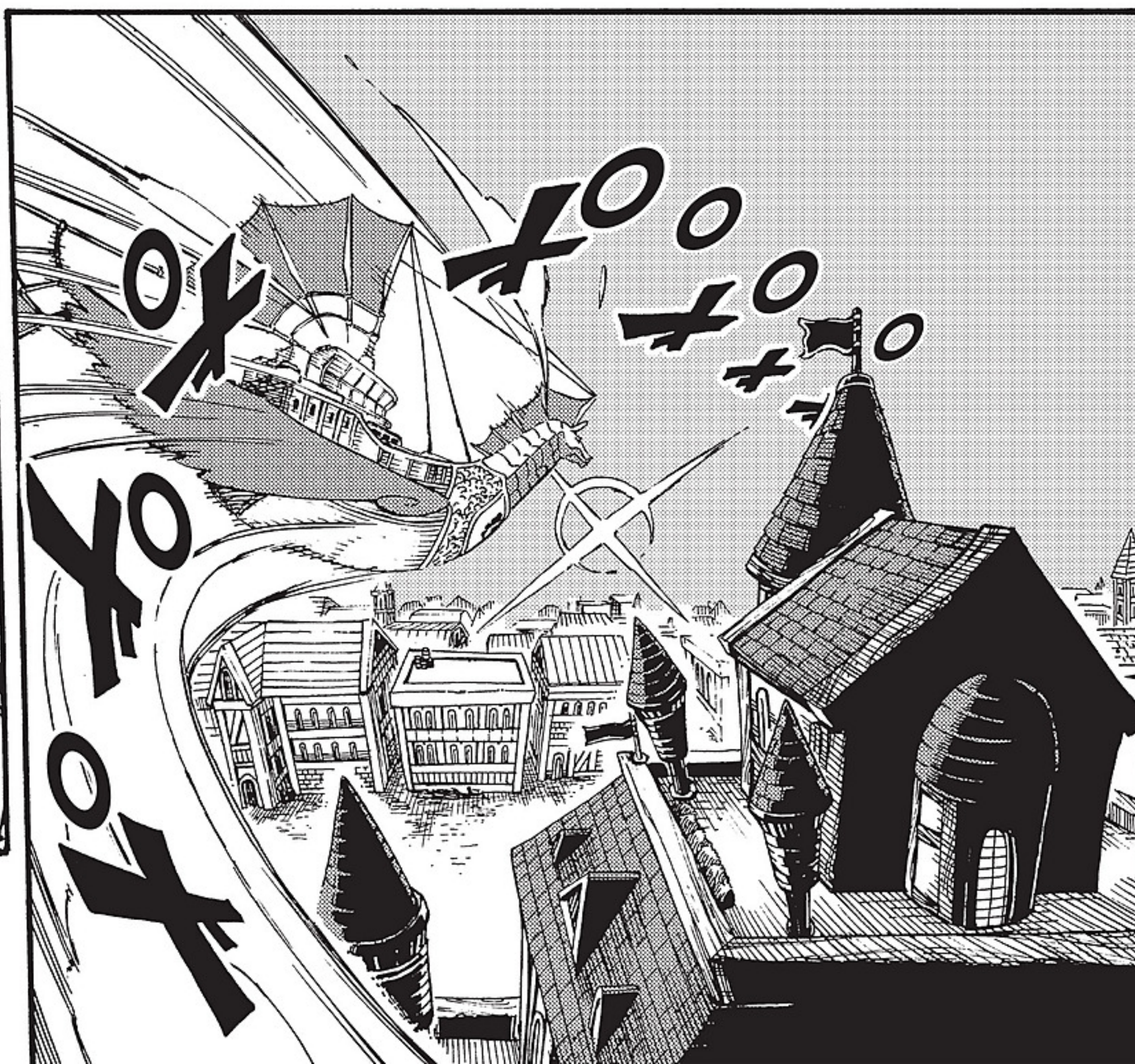
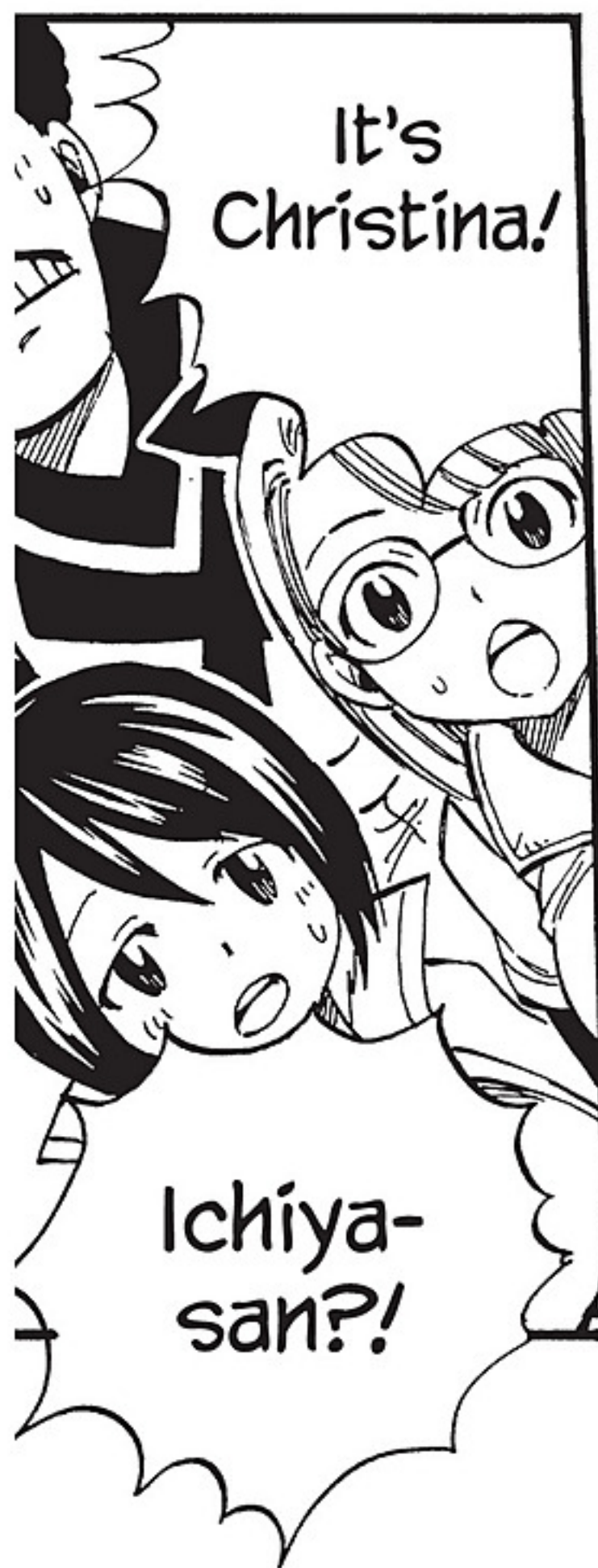
No fun at all, DiMaría...

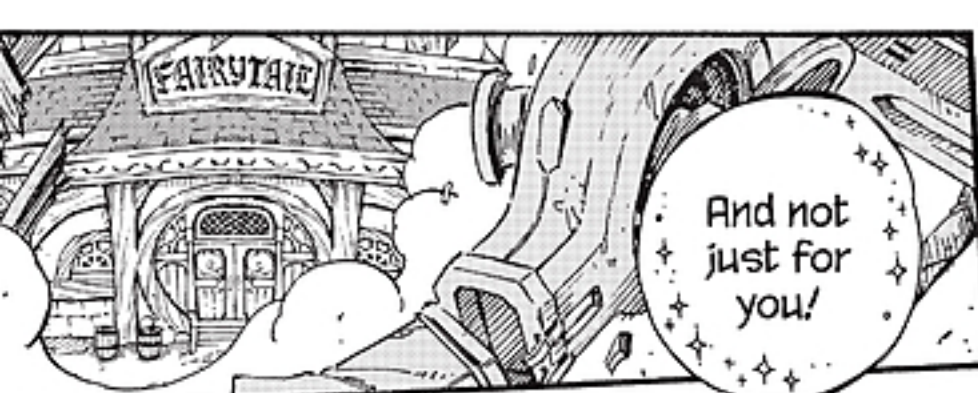


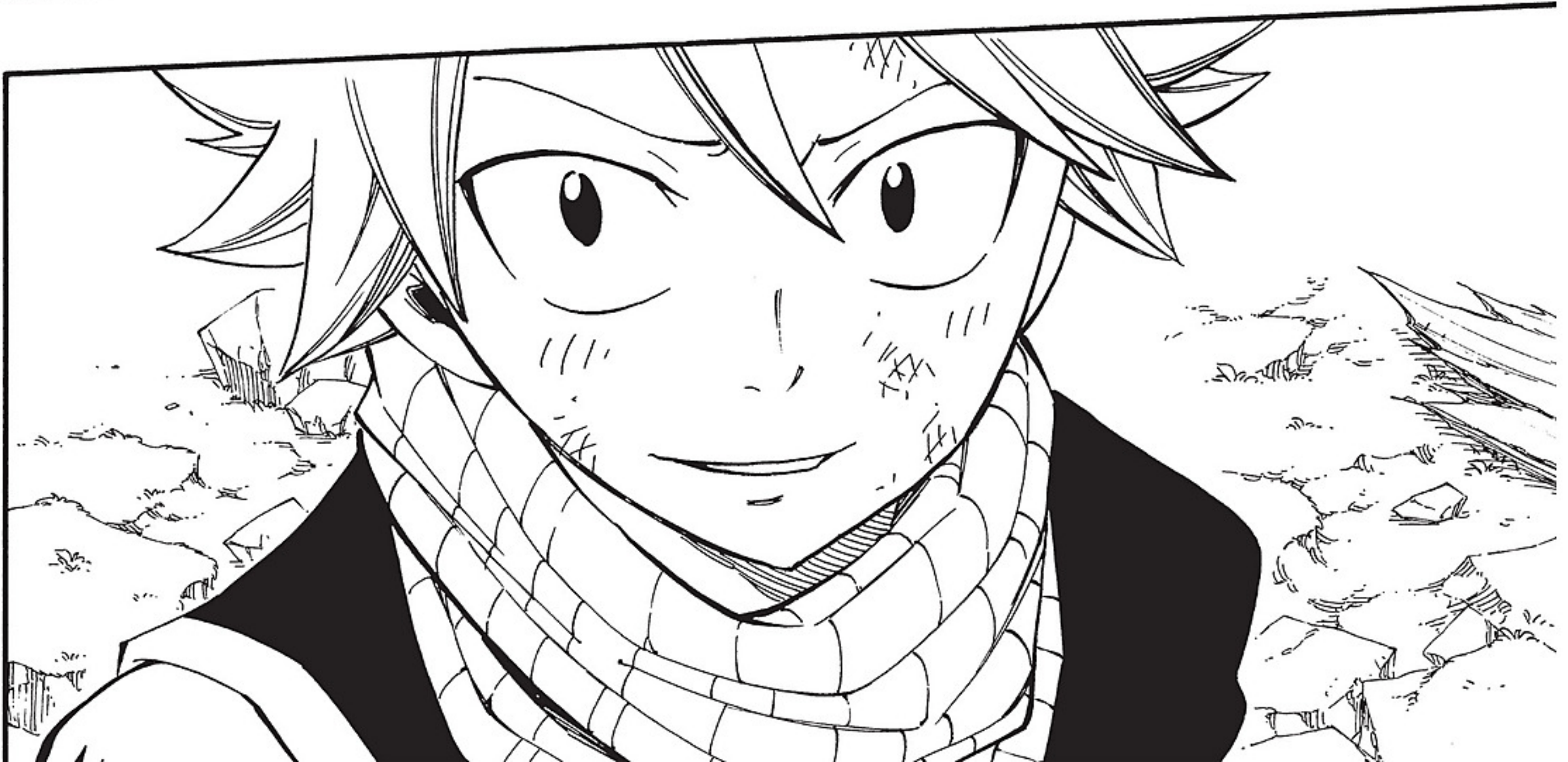
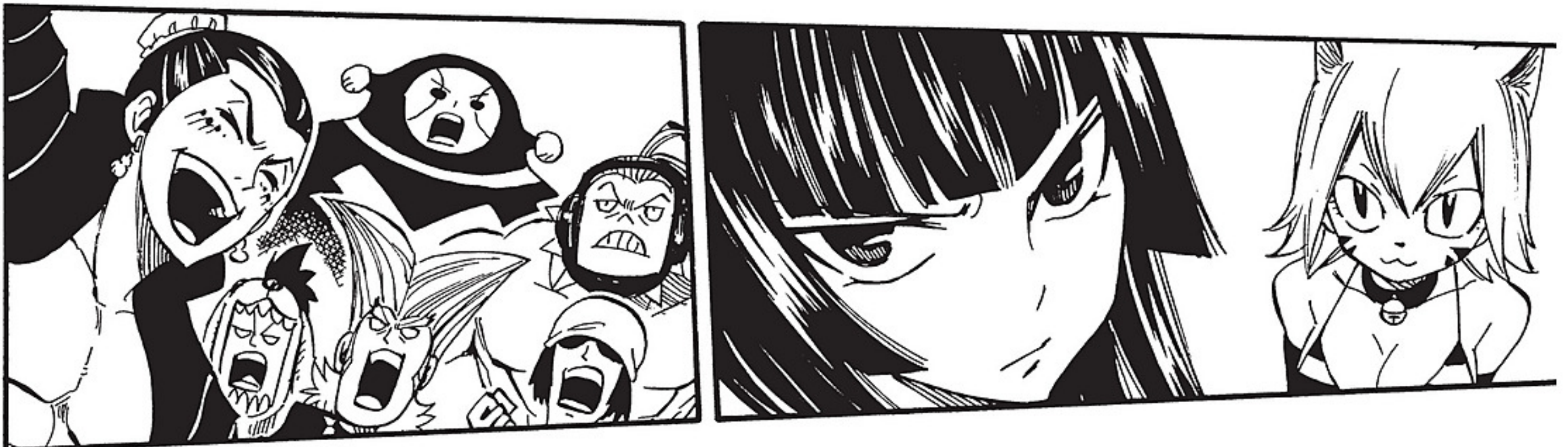
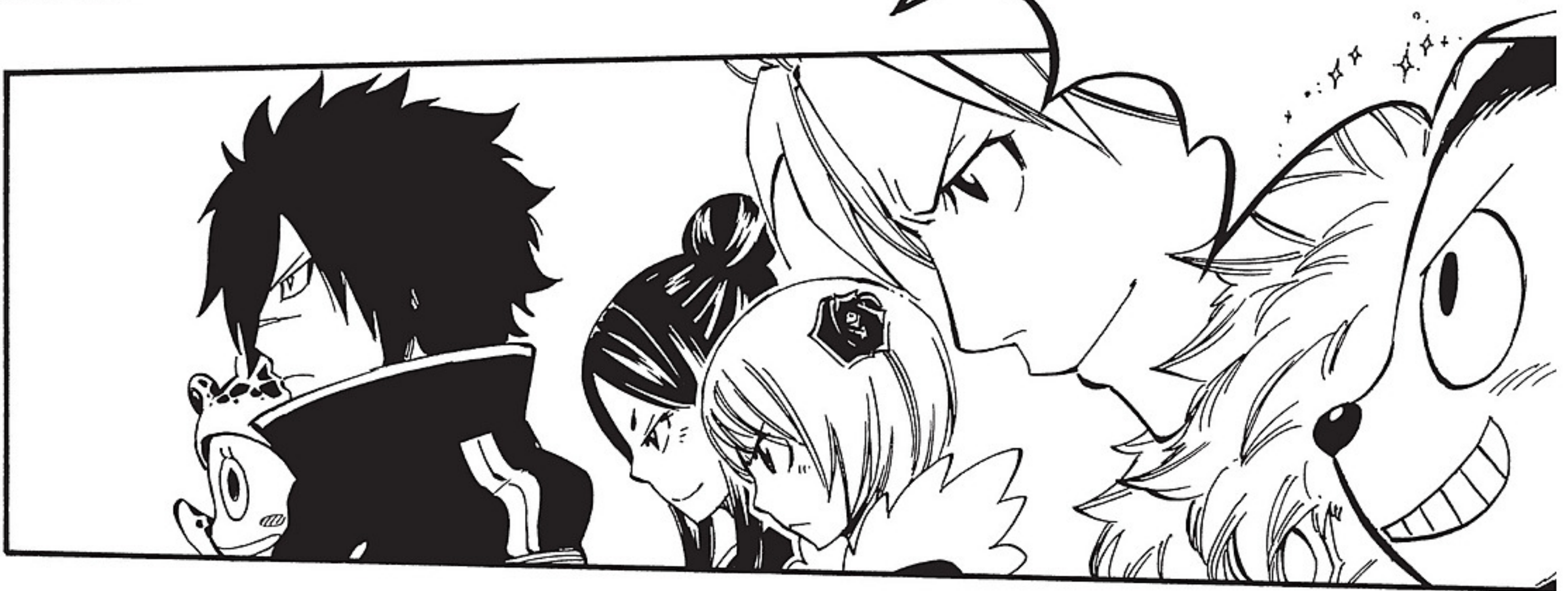
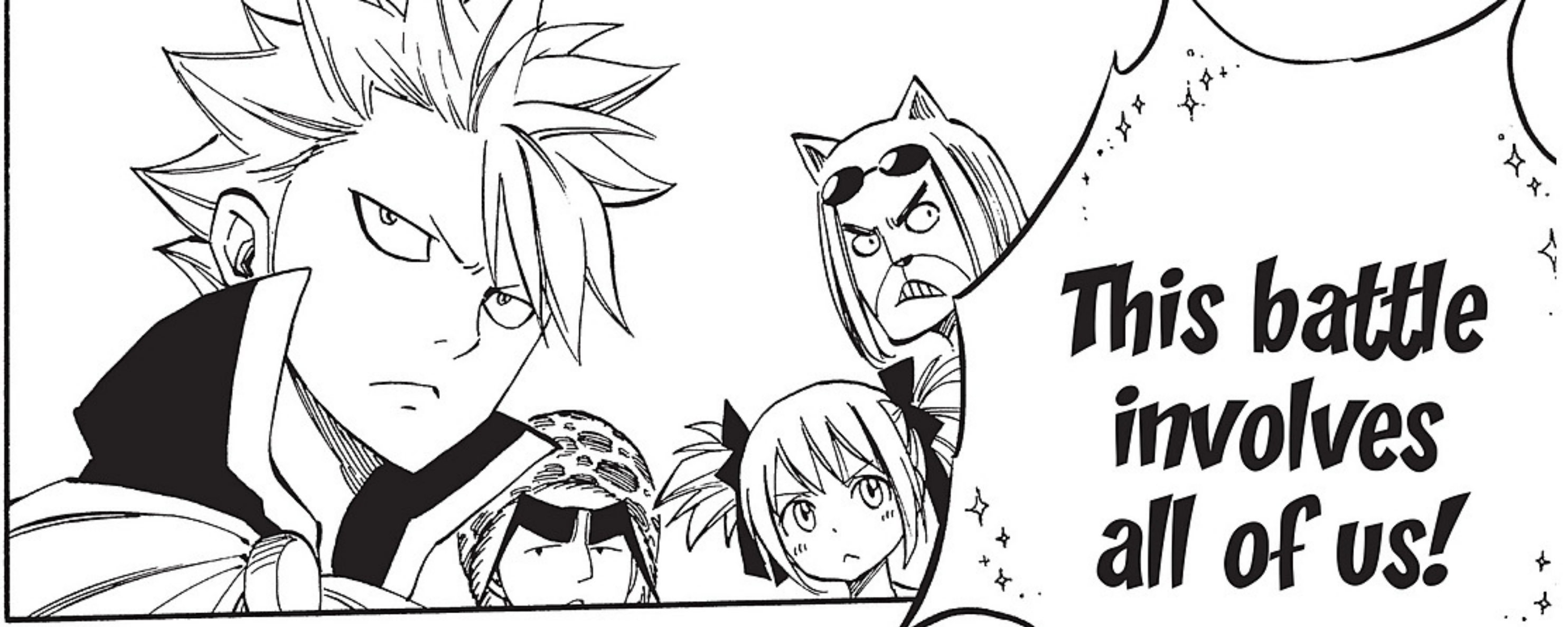








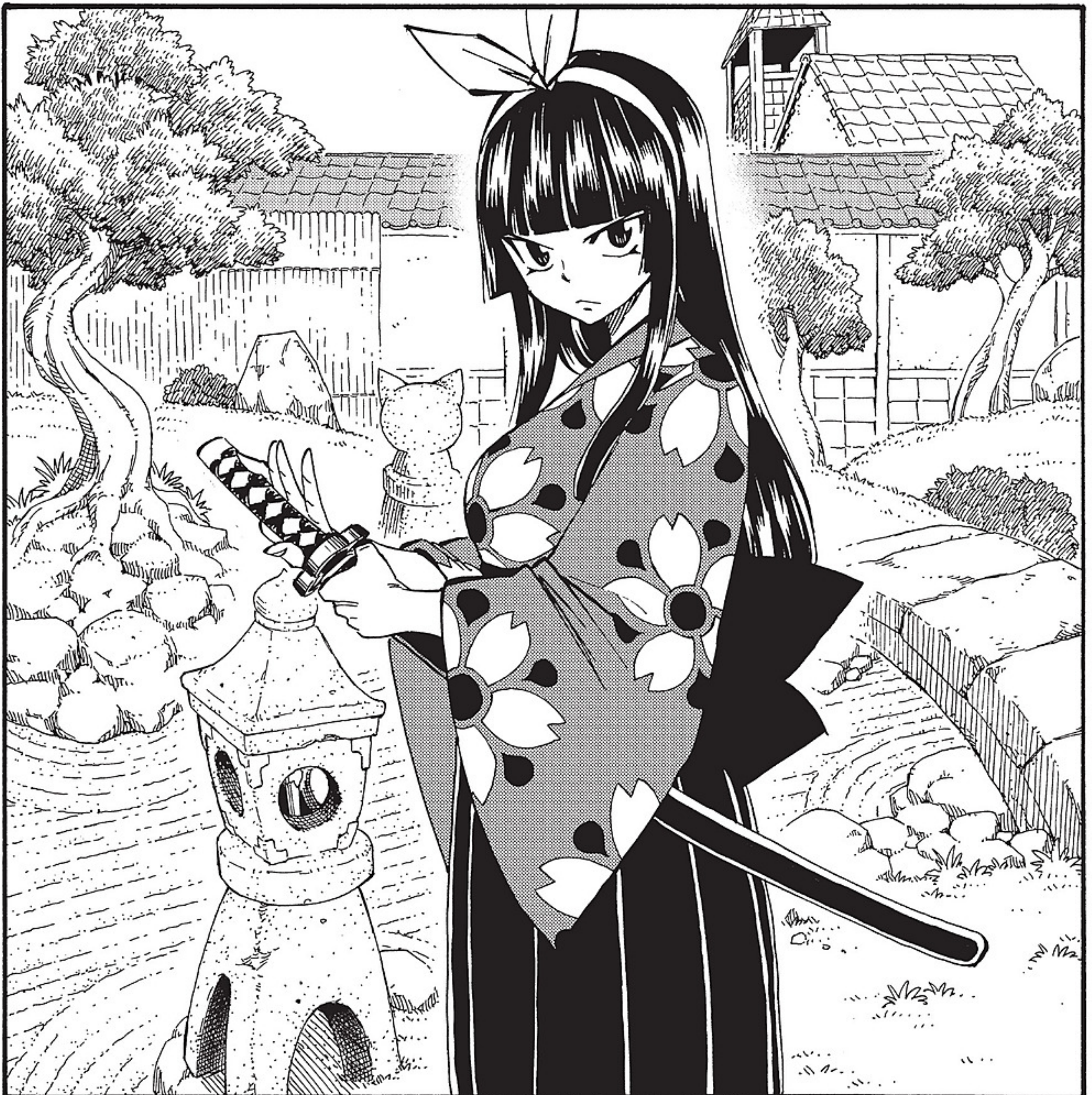


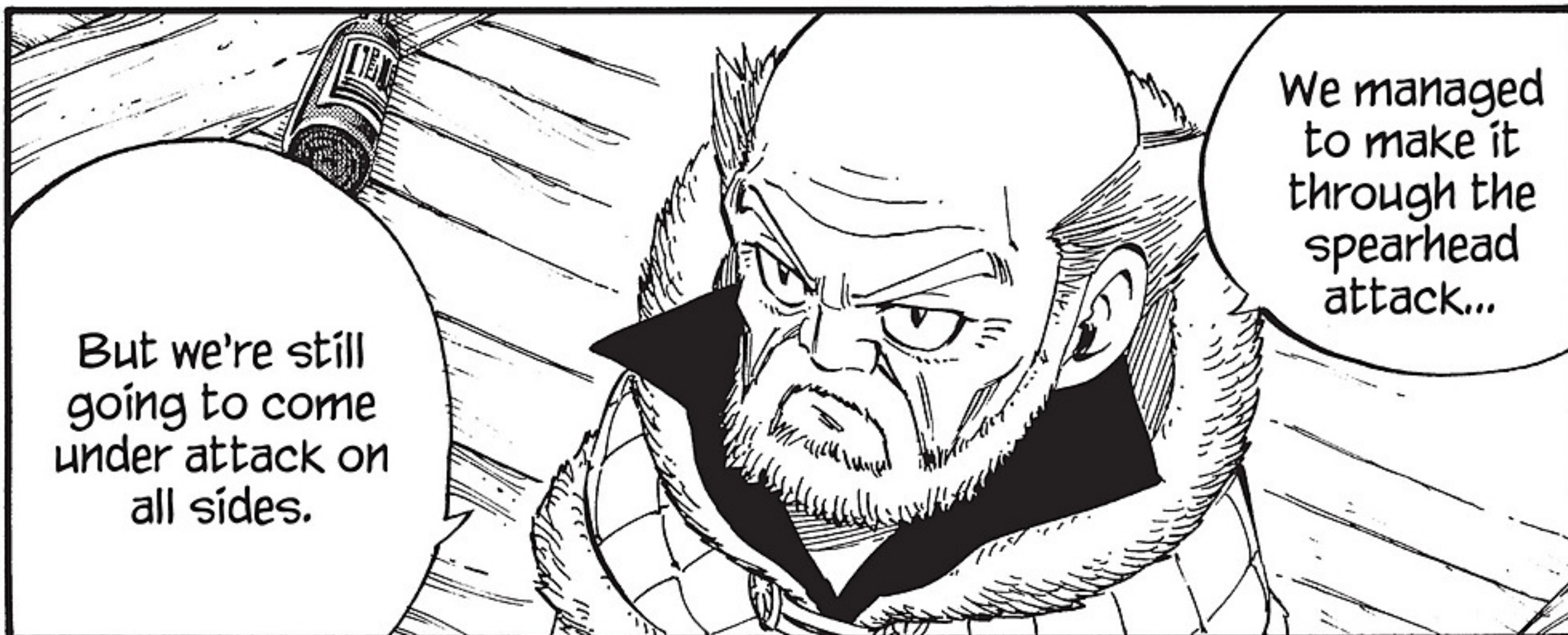
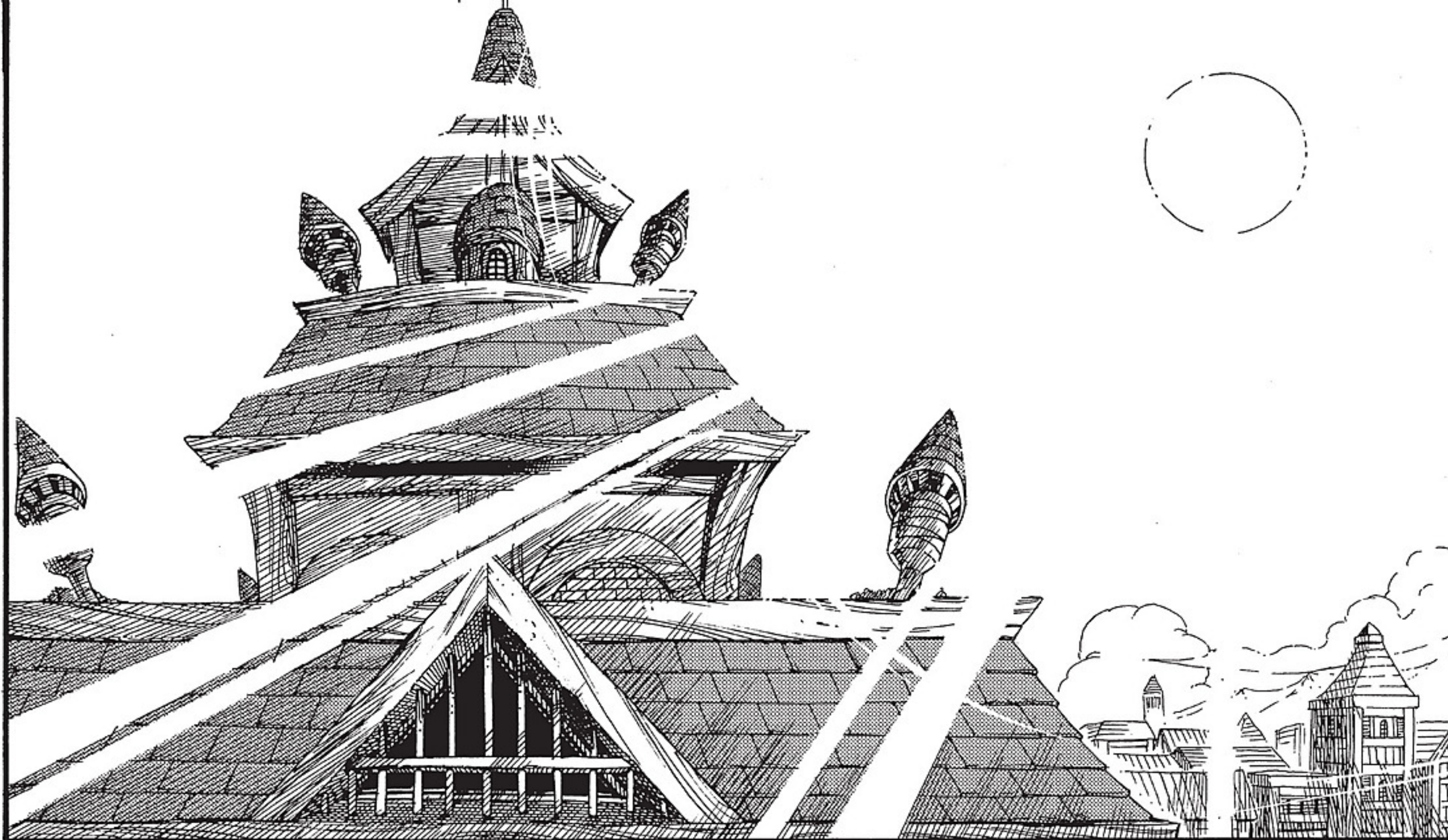


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Chapter 462: Battlefield





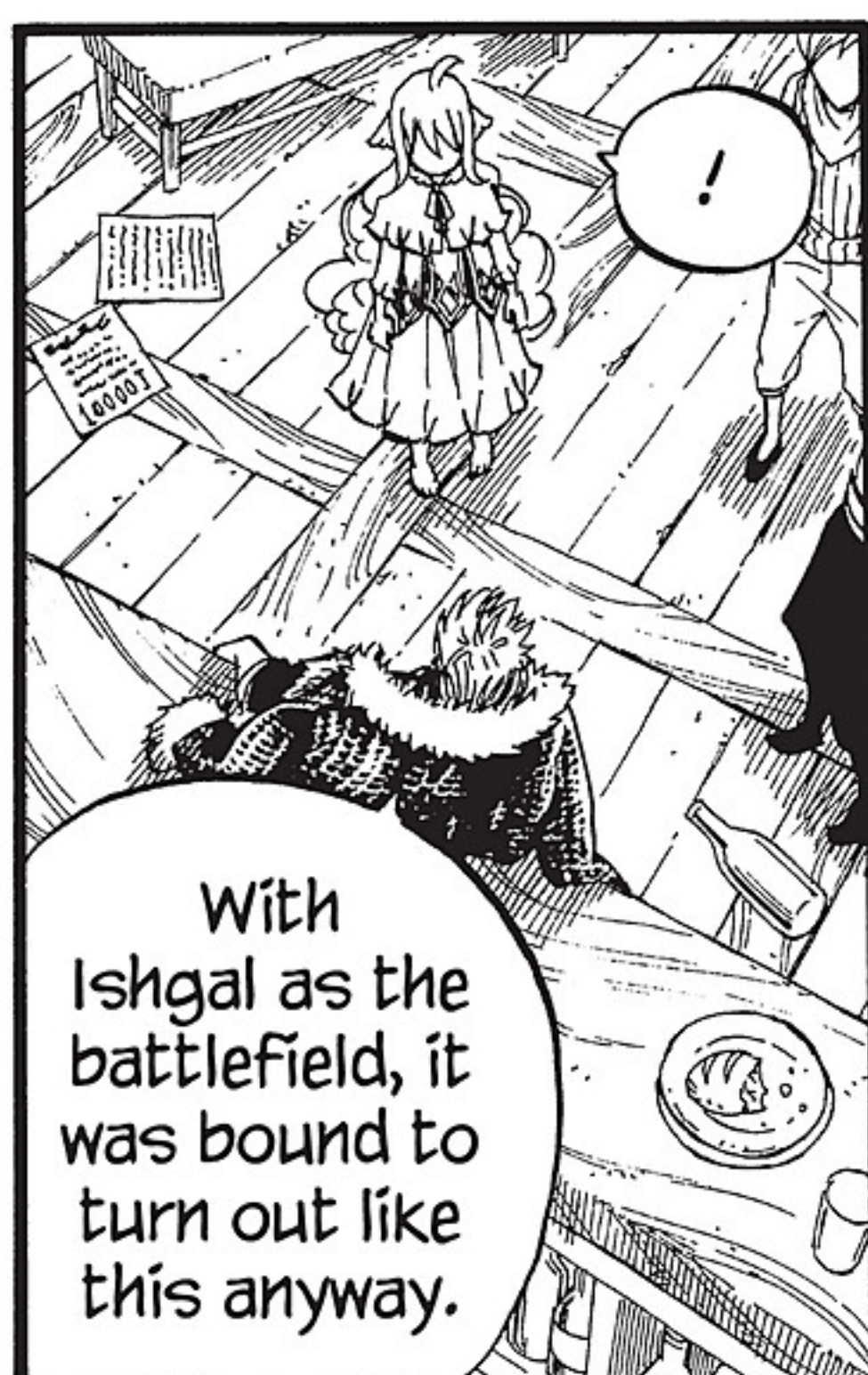


No.

We've
already
won!

We can
count on
them!

Yeah, but now
guilds from all
over Fiore are
gonna be helping
us, right?!



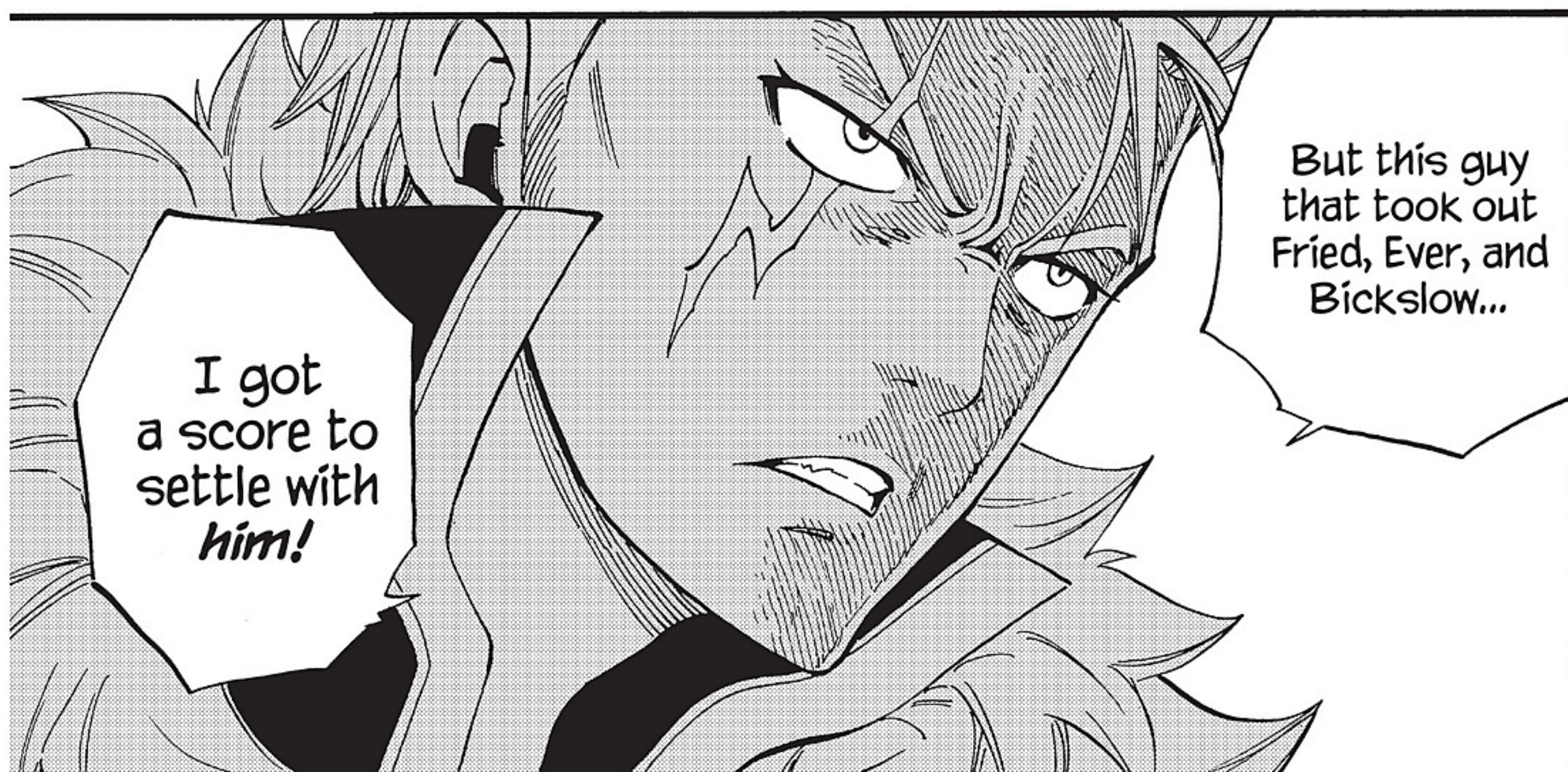
With
Ishgal as the
battlefield, it
was bound to
turn out like
this anyway.



If we let
ideals like
that hold
us back,
we'll never
win.

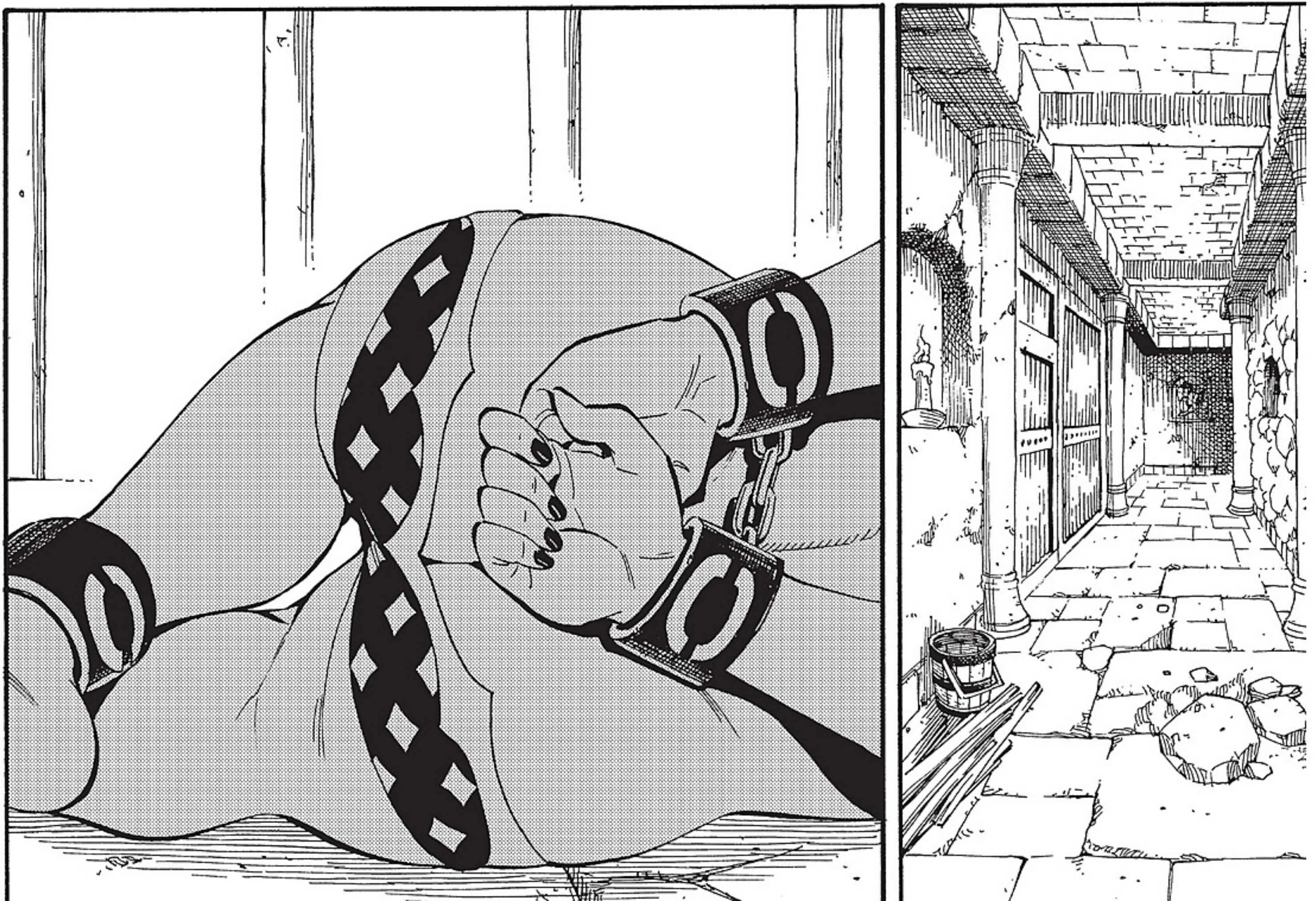
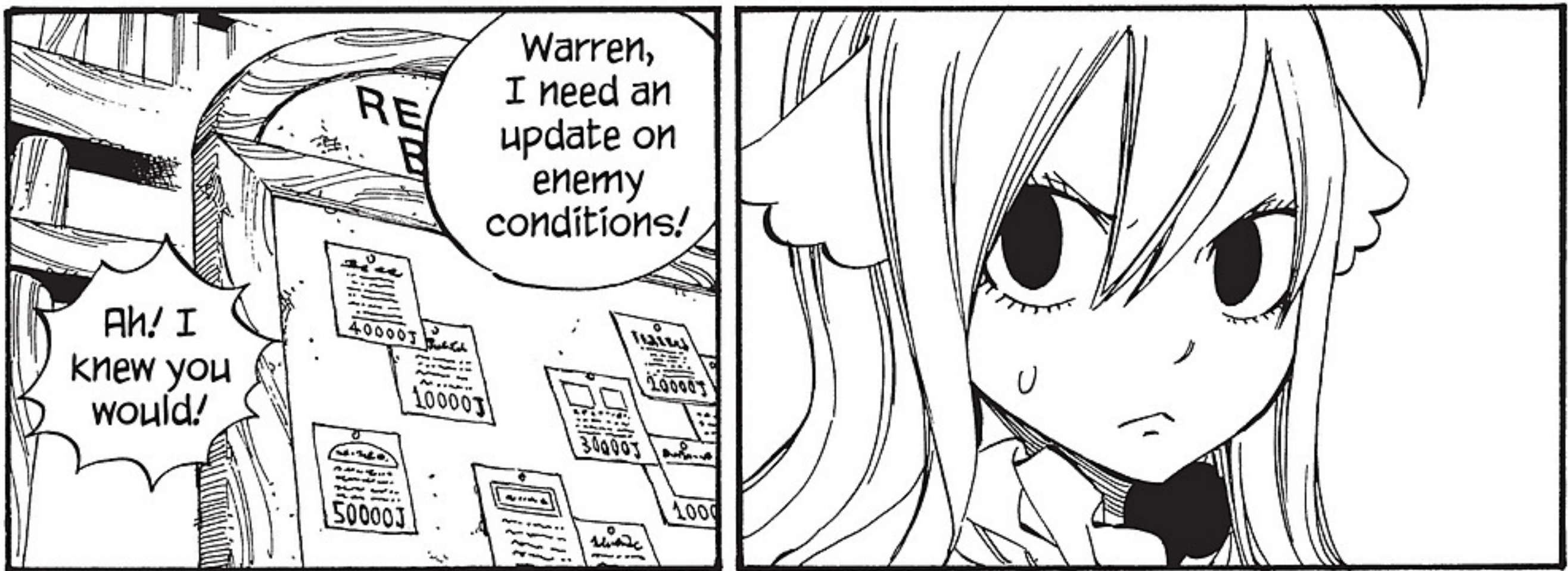
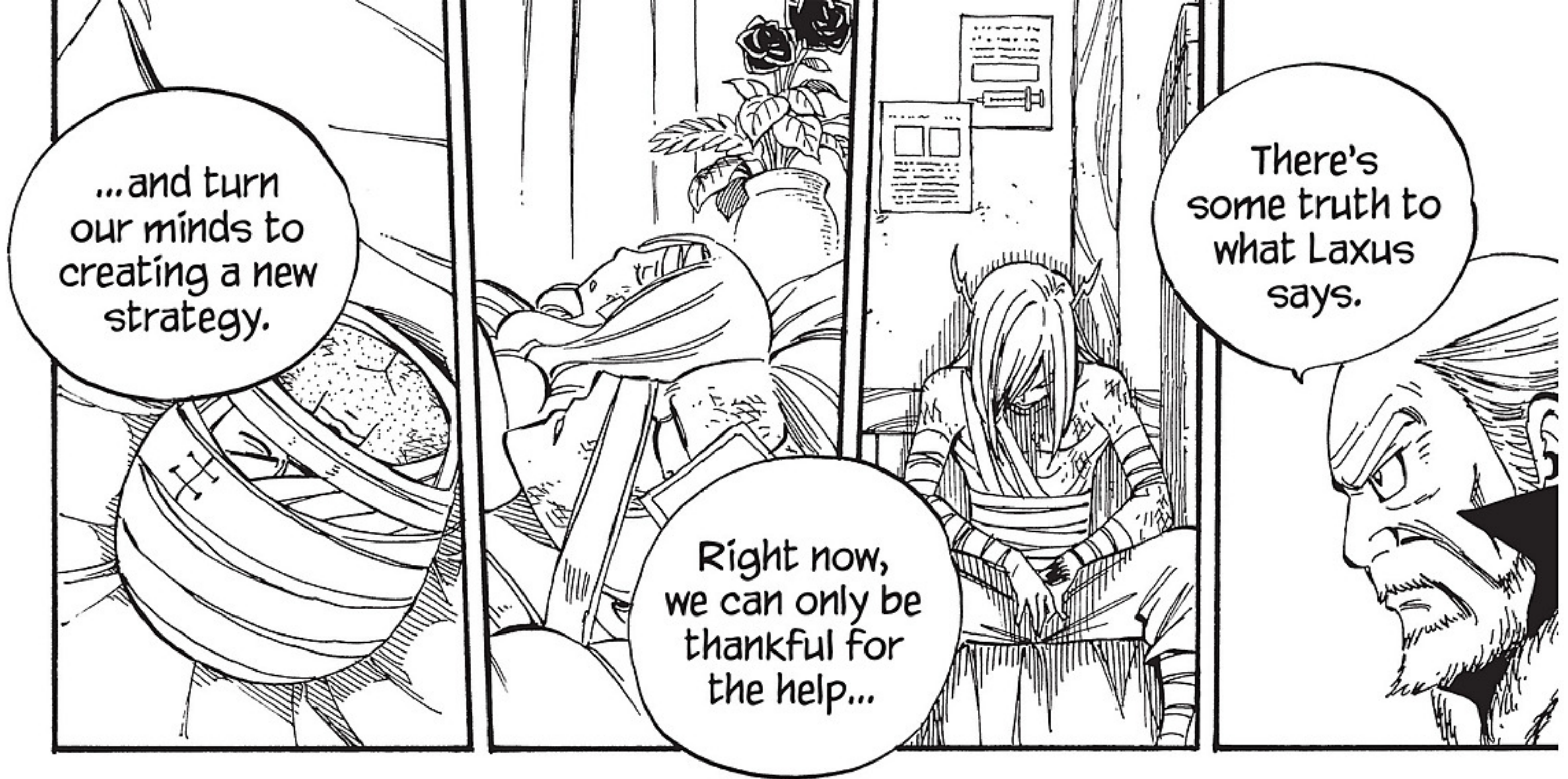
I didn't want
to get other
guilds caught
in the cross-
fire...

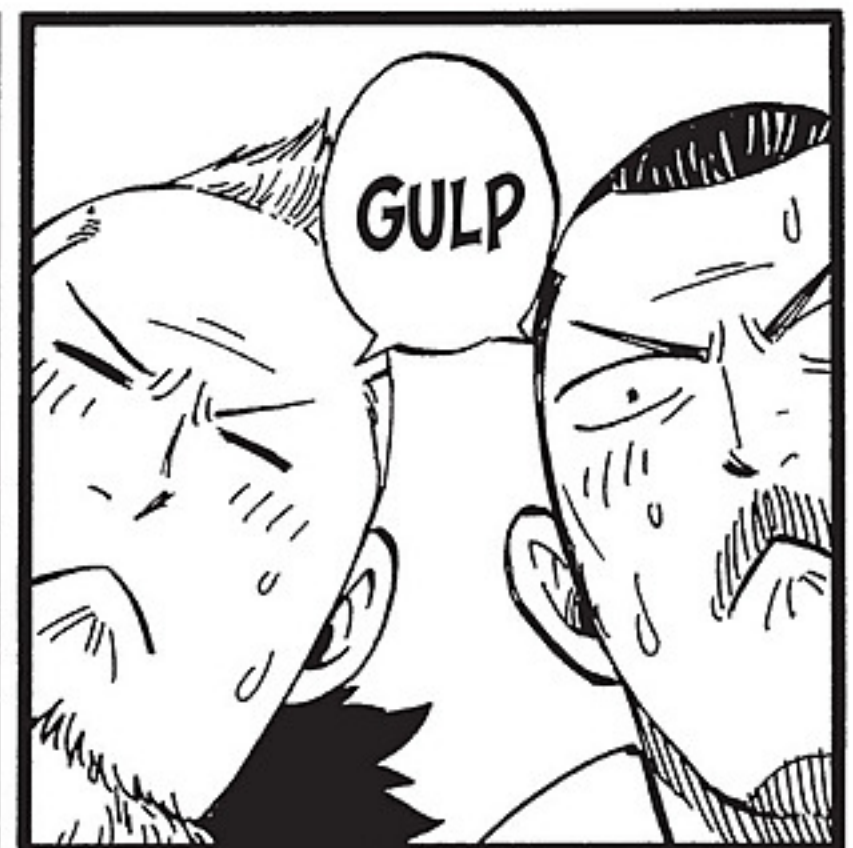
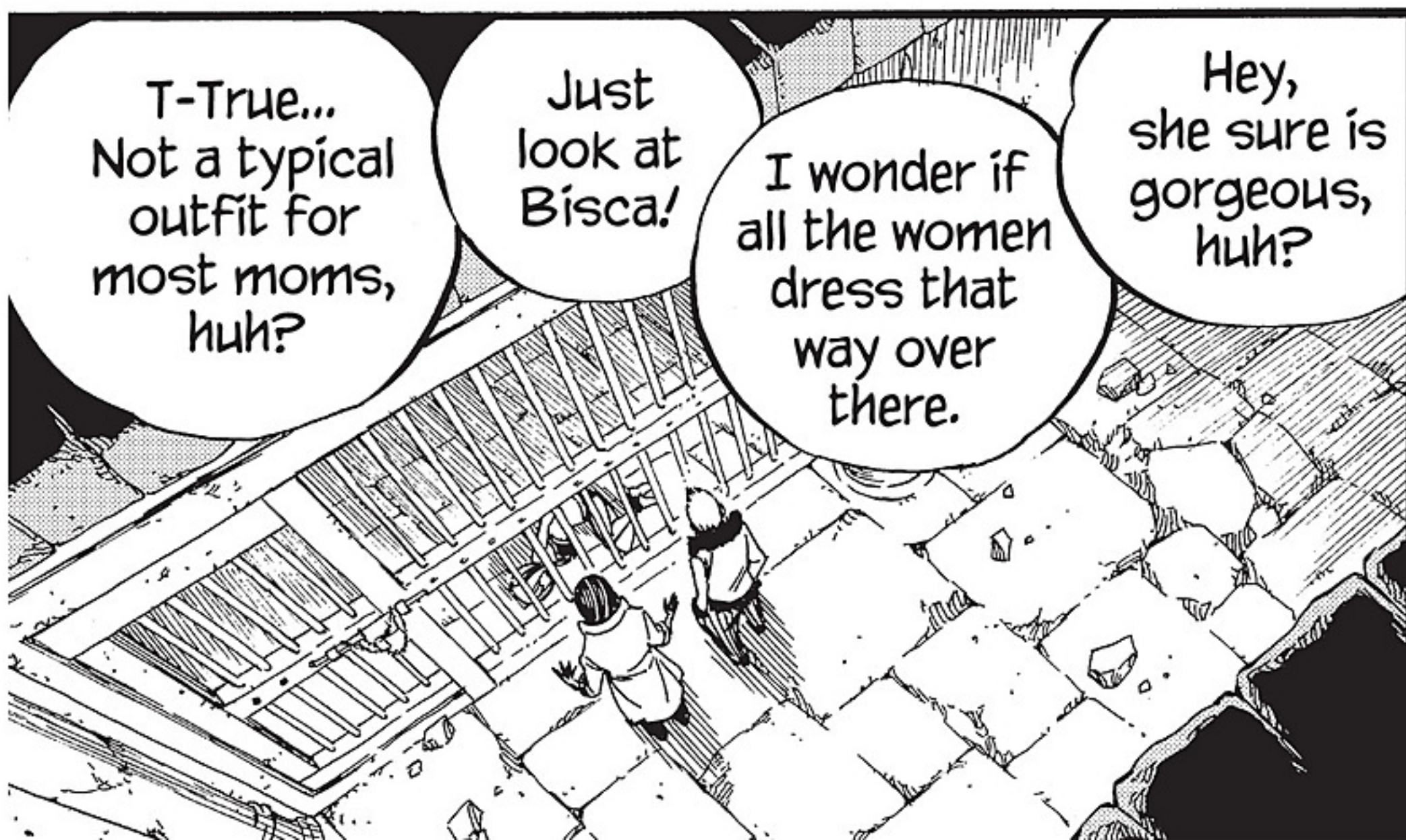
This is
Fairy Tail's
problem.

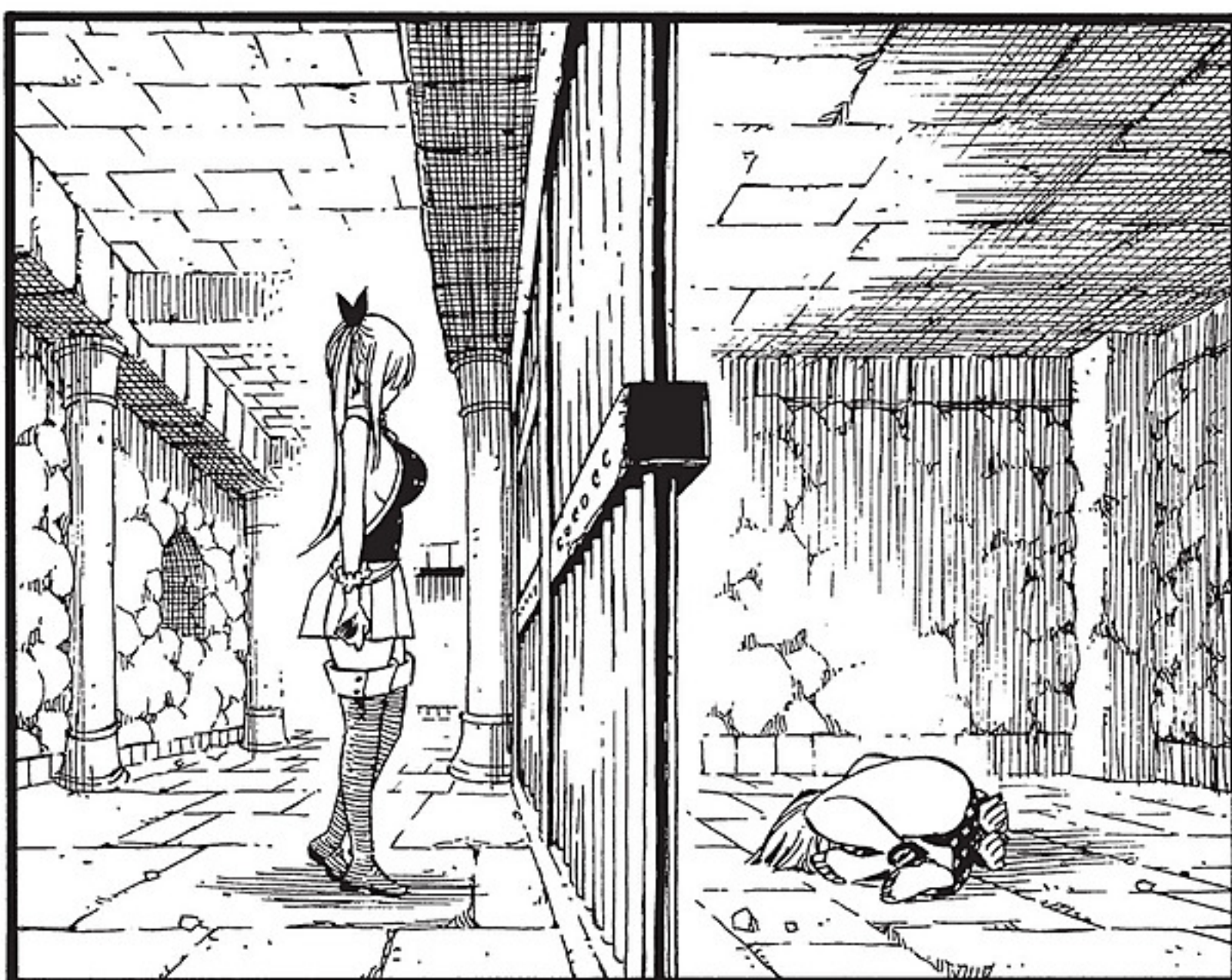
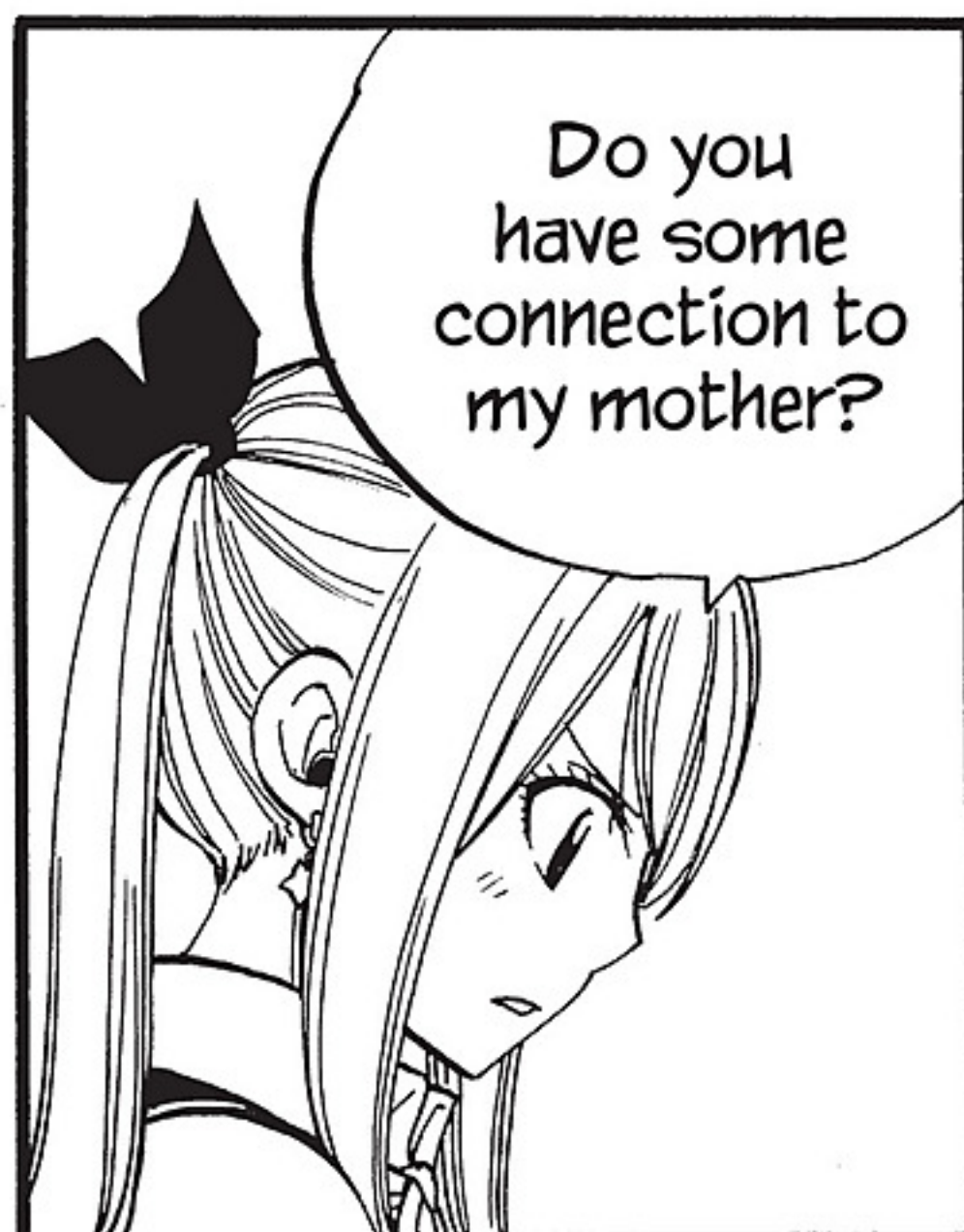
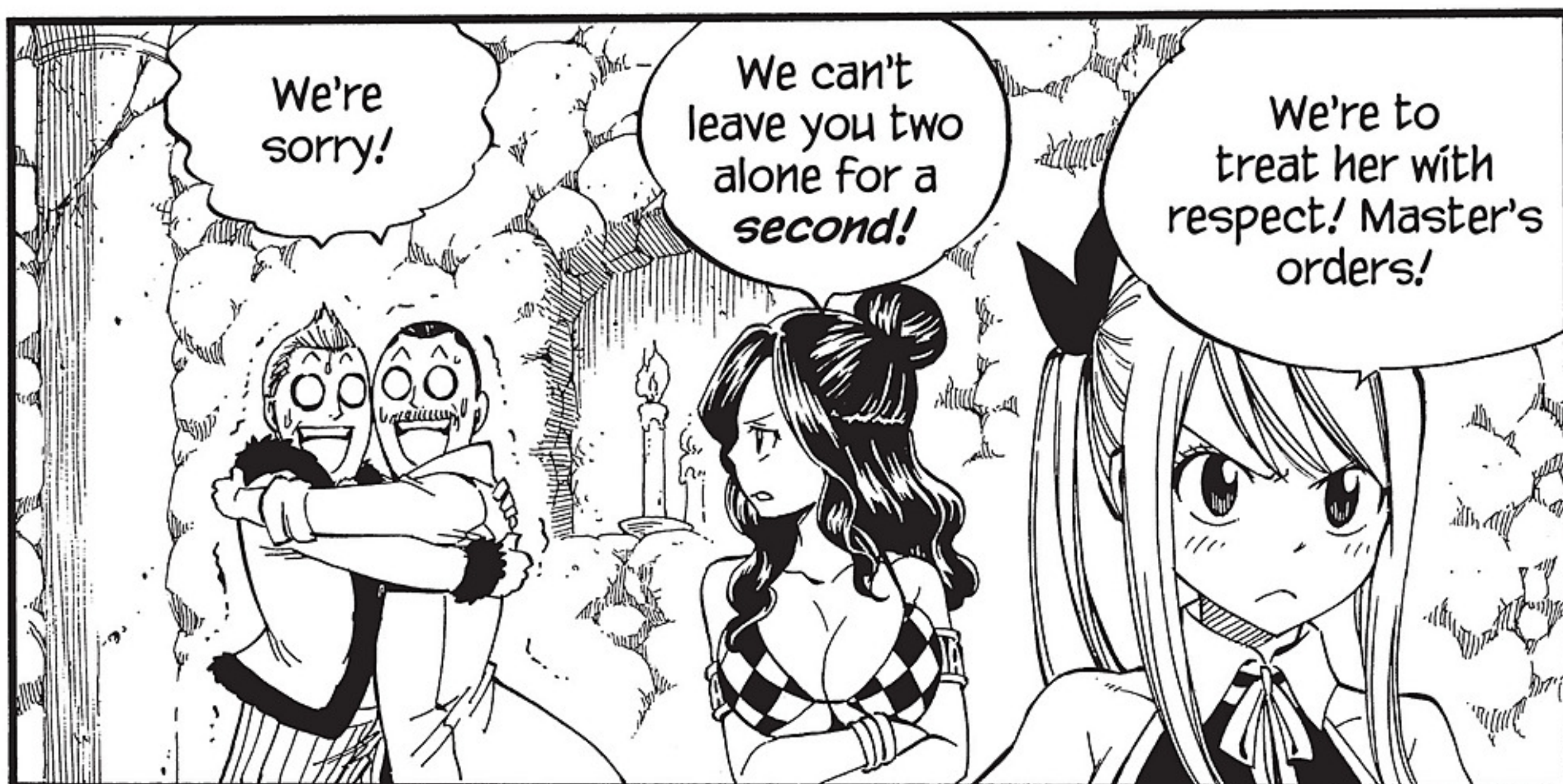
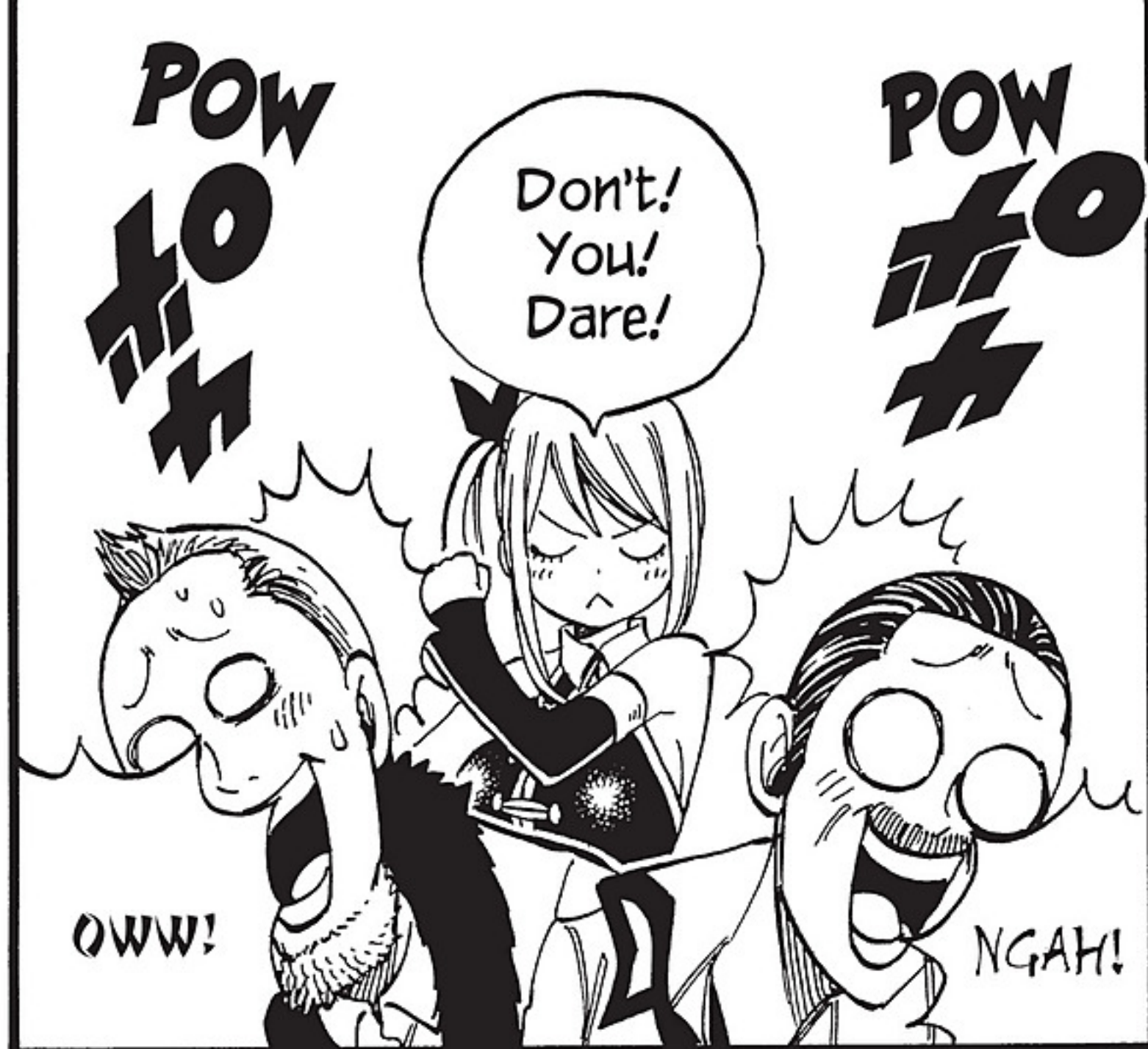


I got
a score to
settle with
him!

But this guy
that took out
Fried, Ever, and
Bickslow...







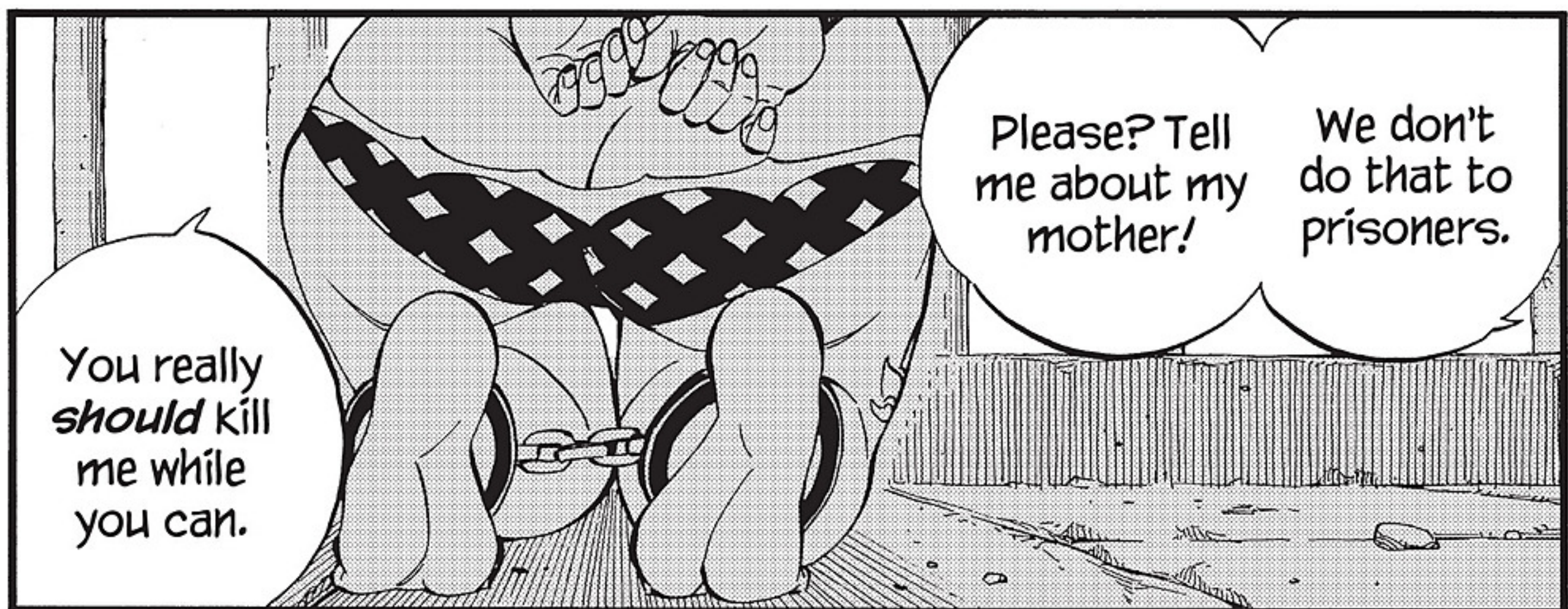
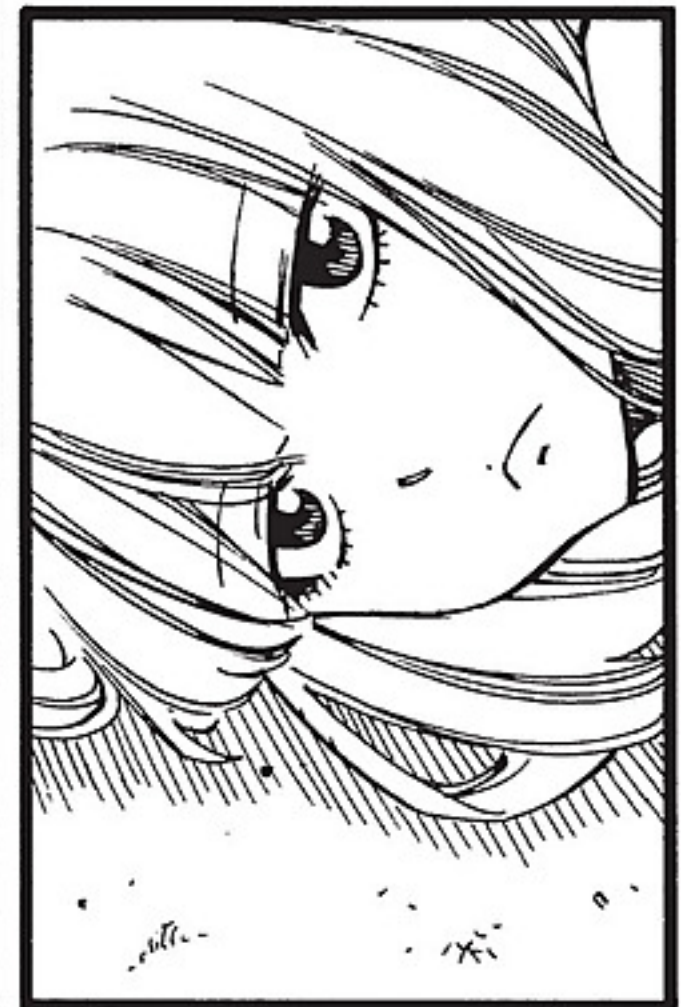


I have nothing to say to you.

If you're going to kill me, just do it.



You *did* call me Layla's daughter.



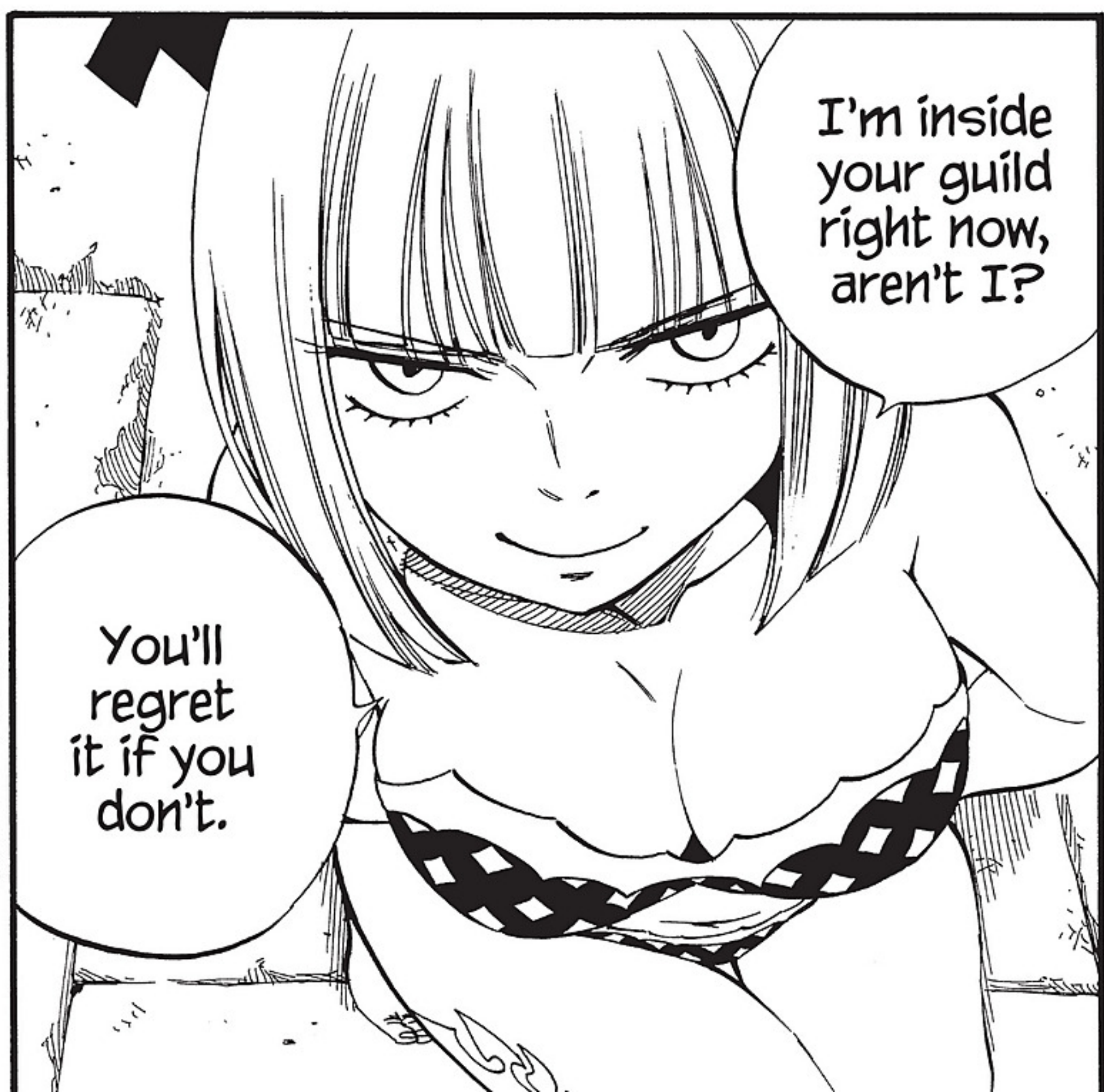
You really *should* kill me while you can.

Please? Tell me about my mother!

We don't do that to prisoners.

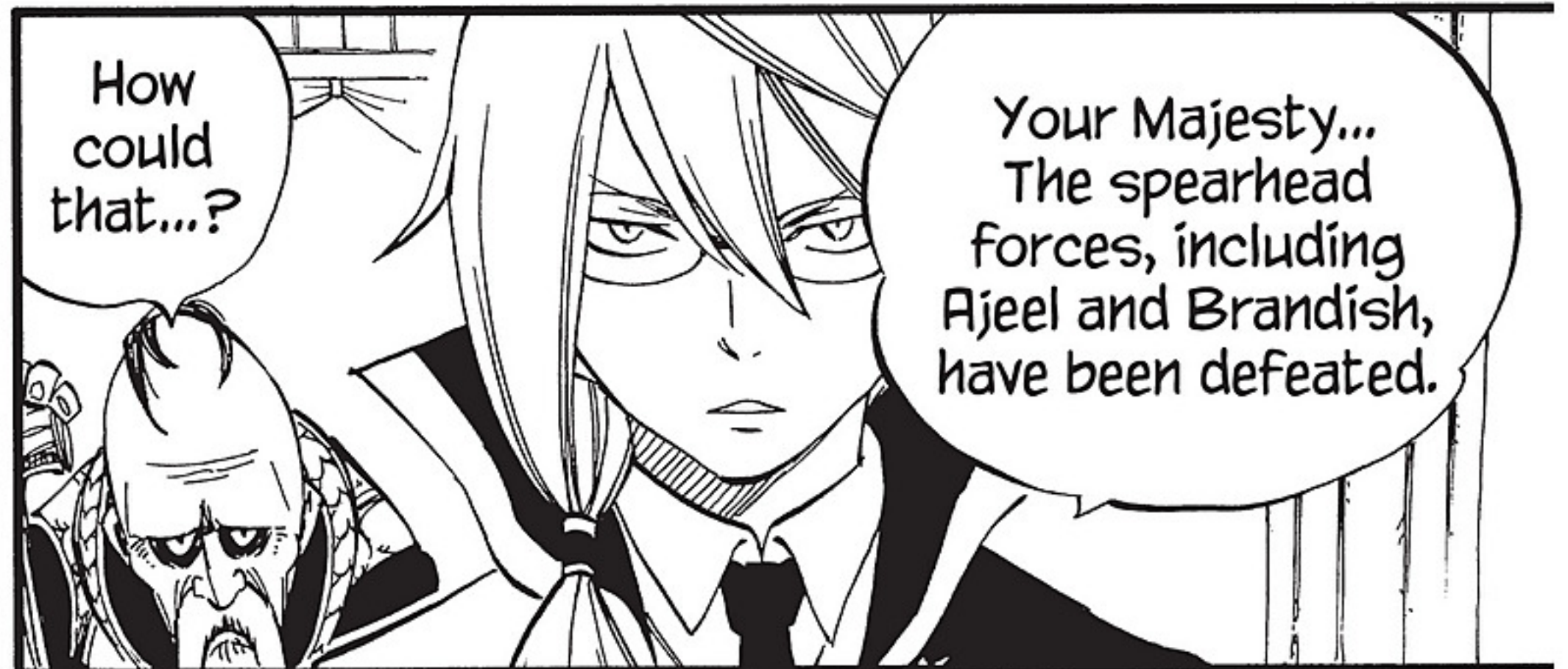
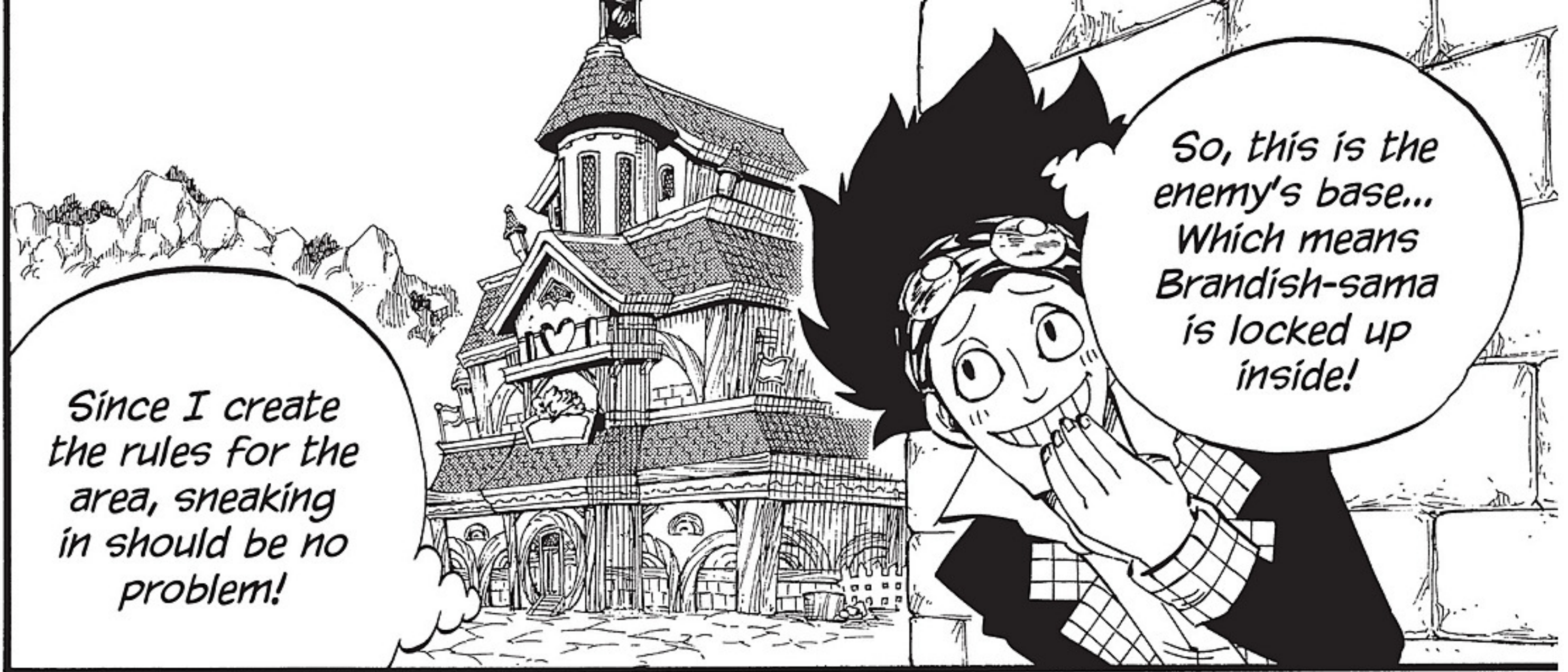


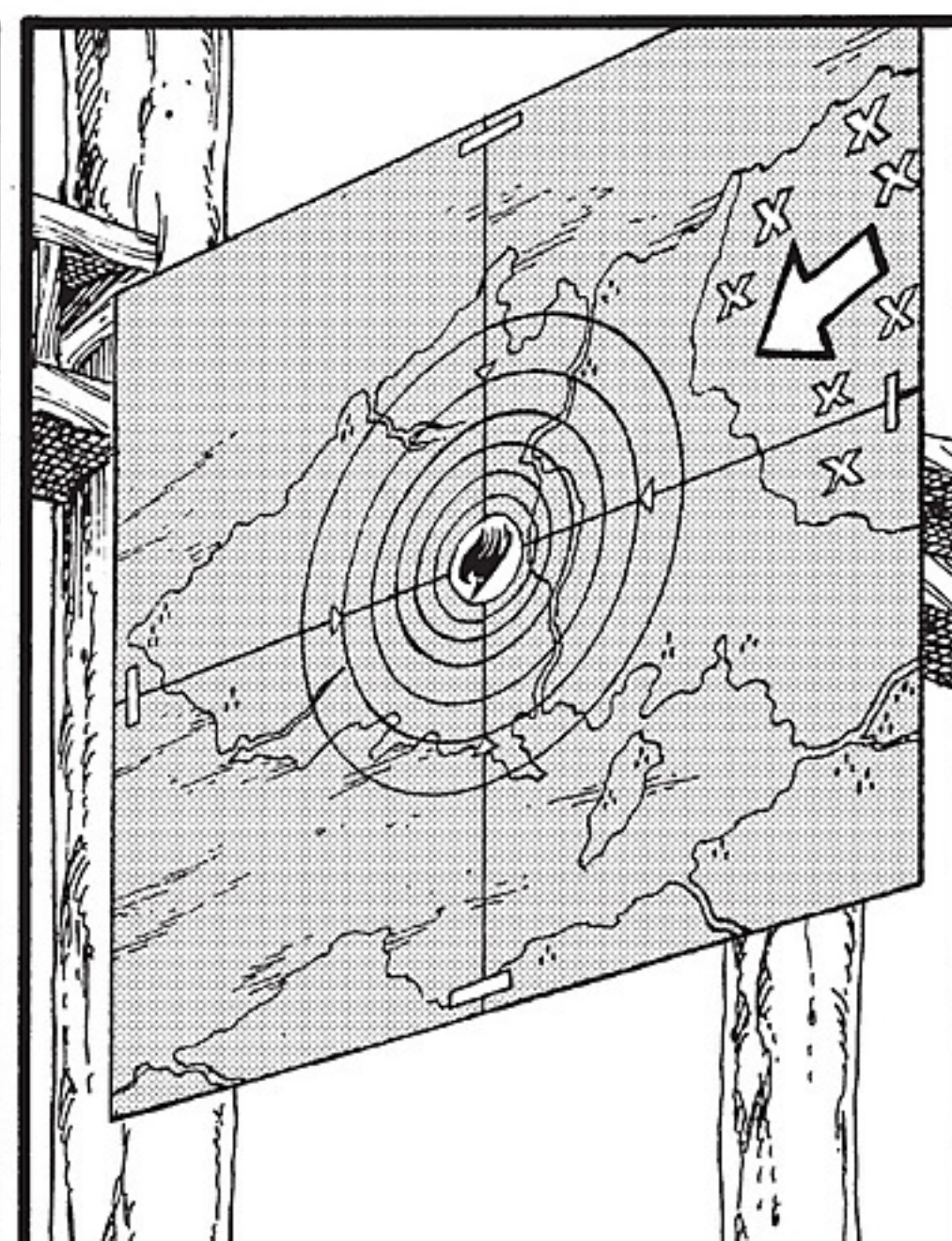
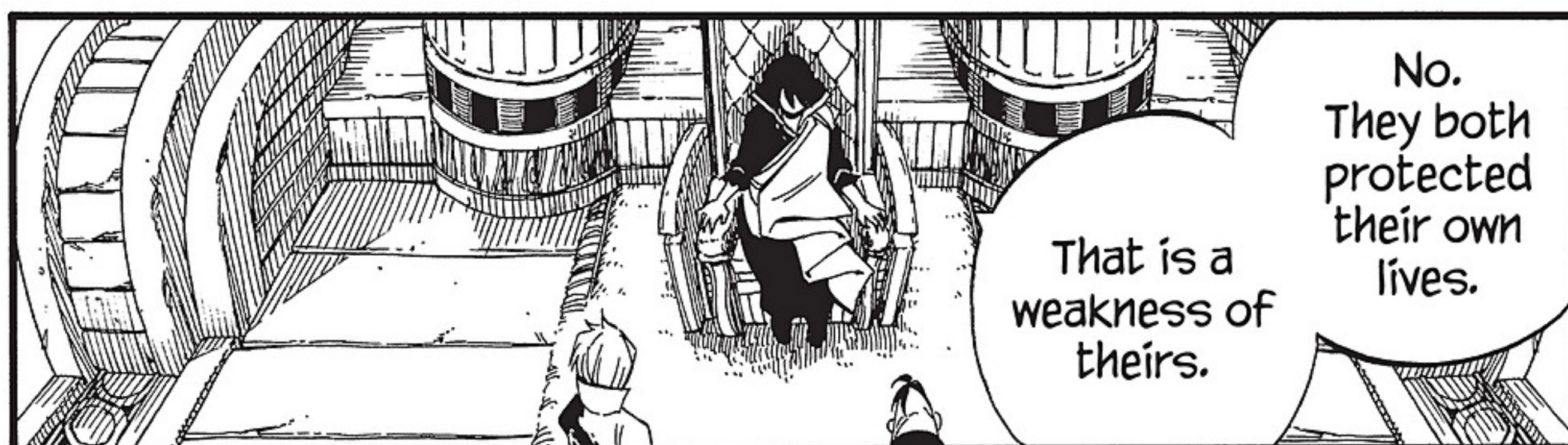
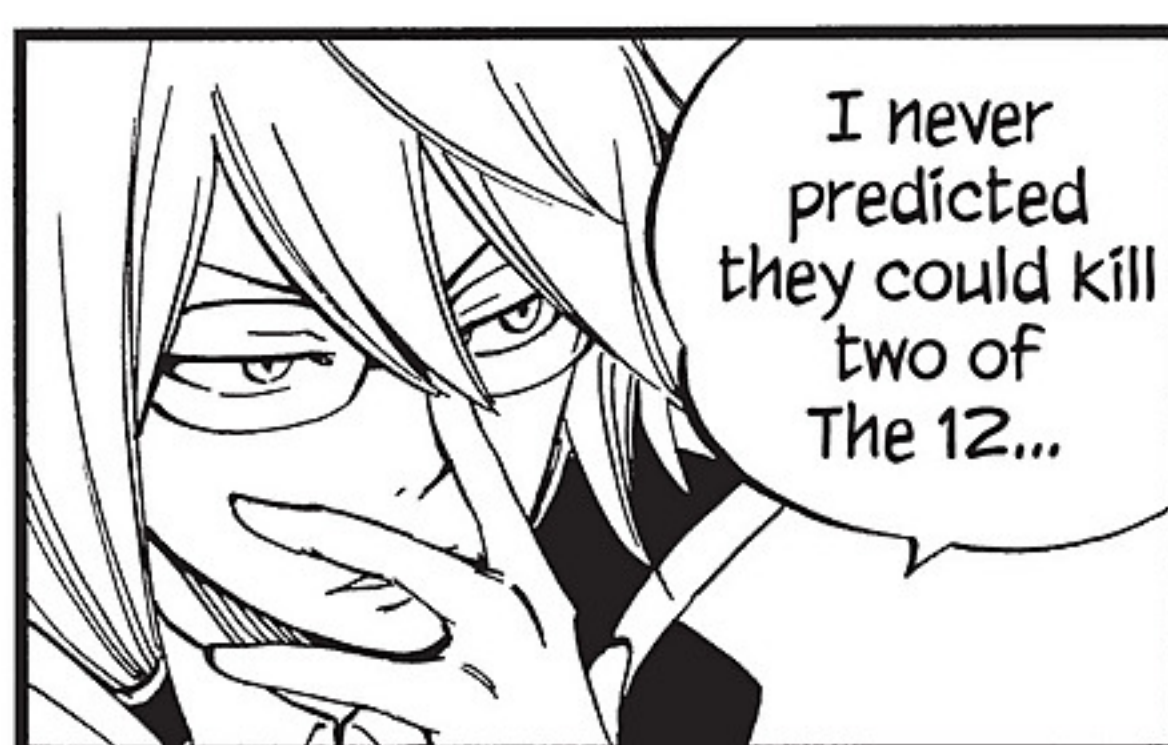
This is useless, Lucy.

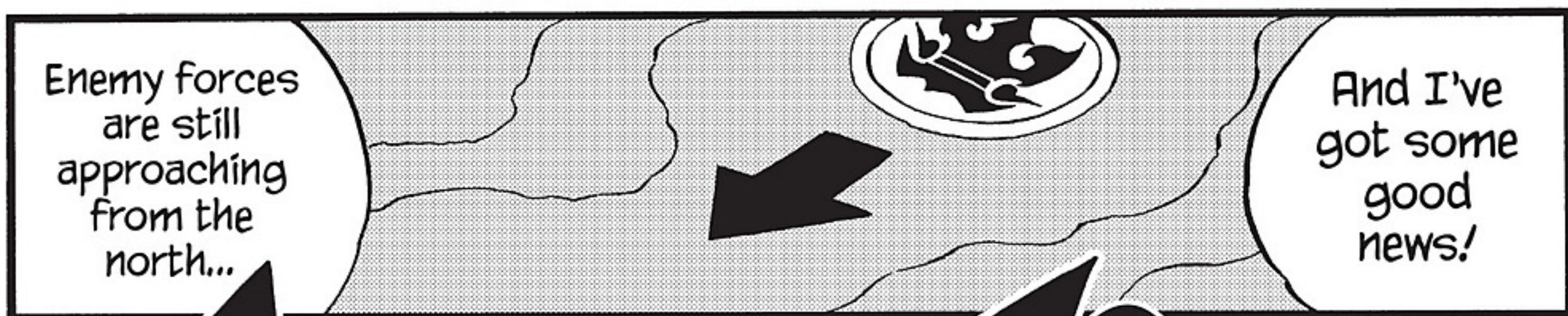
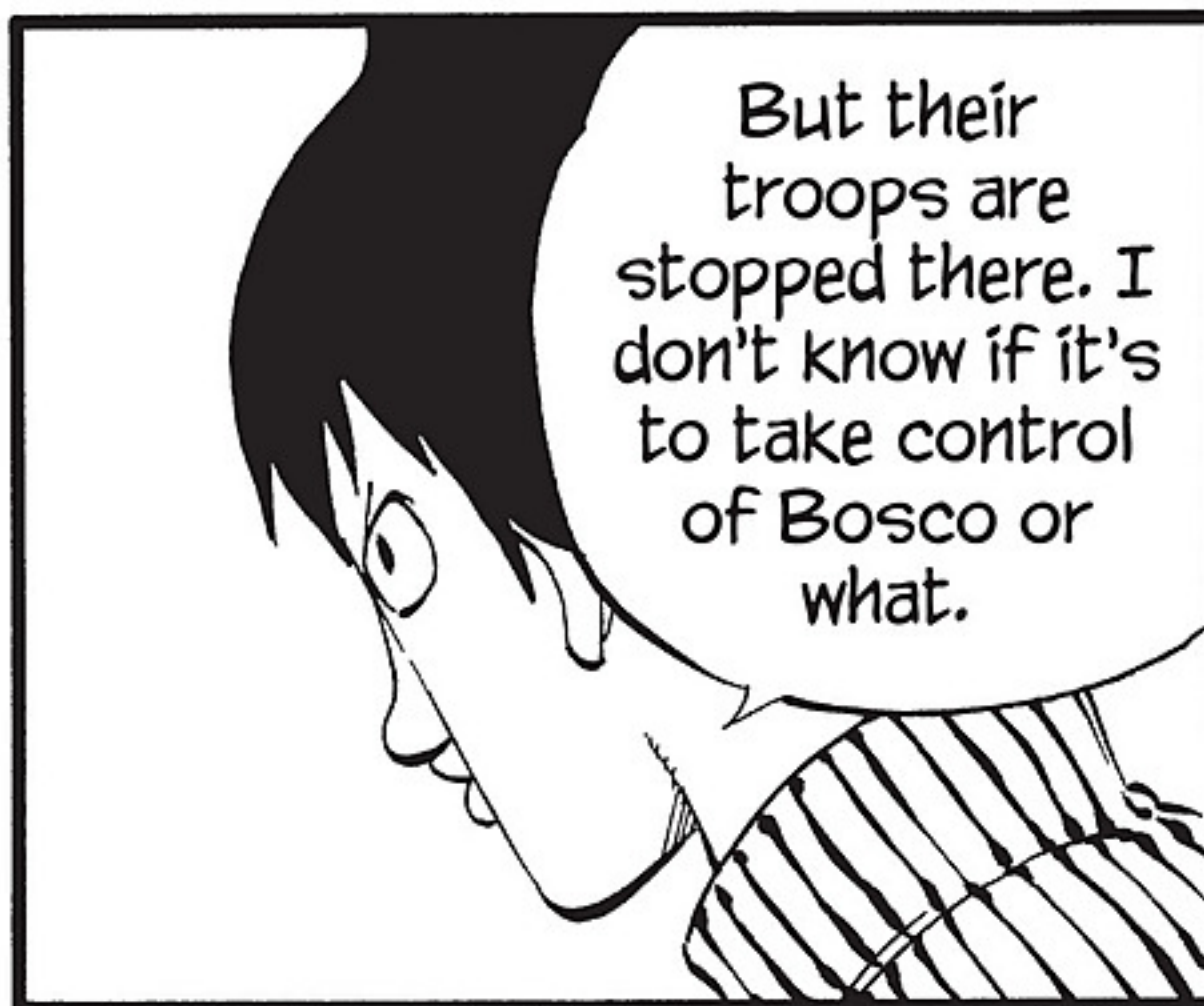


You'll regret it if you don't.

I'm inside your guild right now, aren't I?









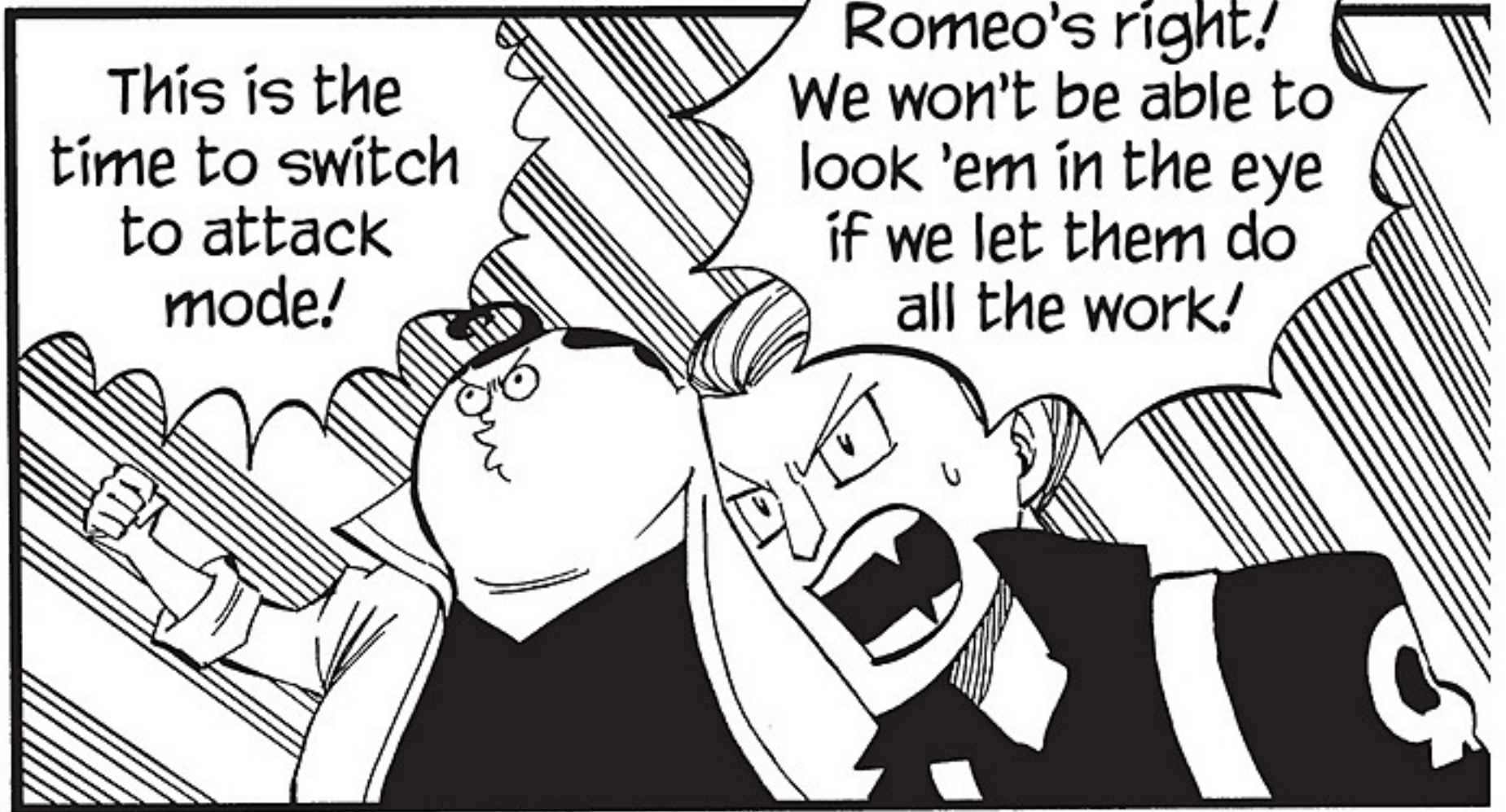
The enemy's also taken the southern harbor town of Halgeon, but Mermaid Heel and Lamia Scale are heading there to liberate the town!

First Master...
Let's go back
them up!

Hey! Have
some faith
in the other
guilds!

We can't
think that way.
We don't know if
the guilds to the
north and south
will win.

That means
we only have
to worry about
the eastern and
western forces,
right?





That machine-freak is down south, isn't he?

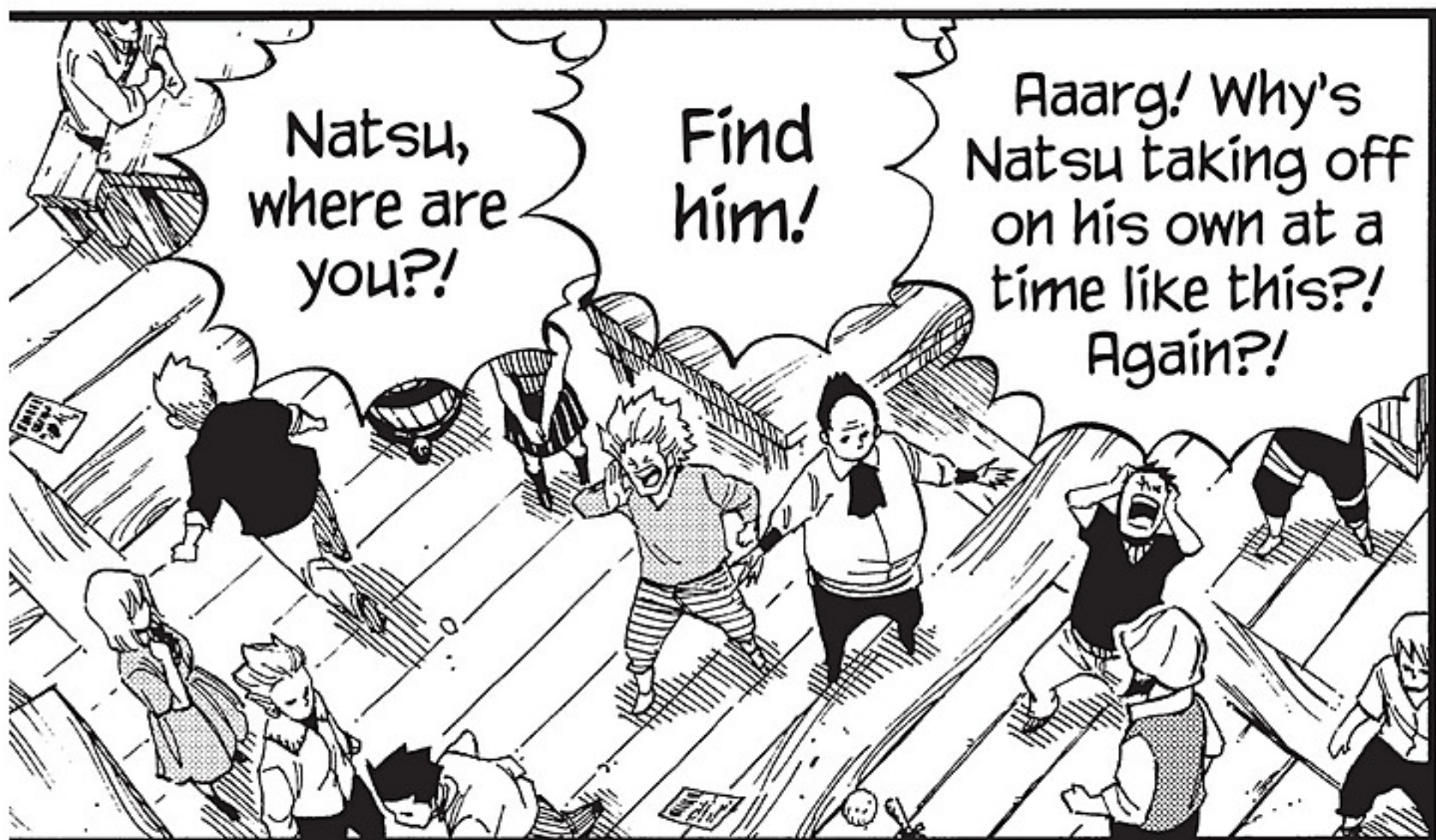
And reinforcing the southern attack: Natsu, Gray, Juvia, Wendy, and Laxus.

I haven't paid my respects to Lyon's ugly mug in a while!

The Sky Sisters together again, hm?

We'll get to fight alongside Sherria again, won't we?

Juvia would rather not see him at all.



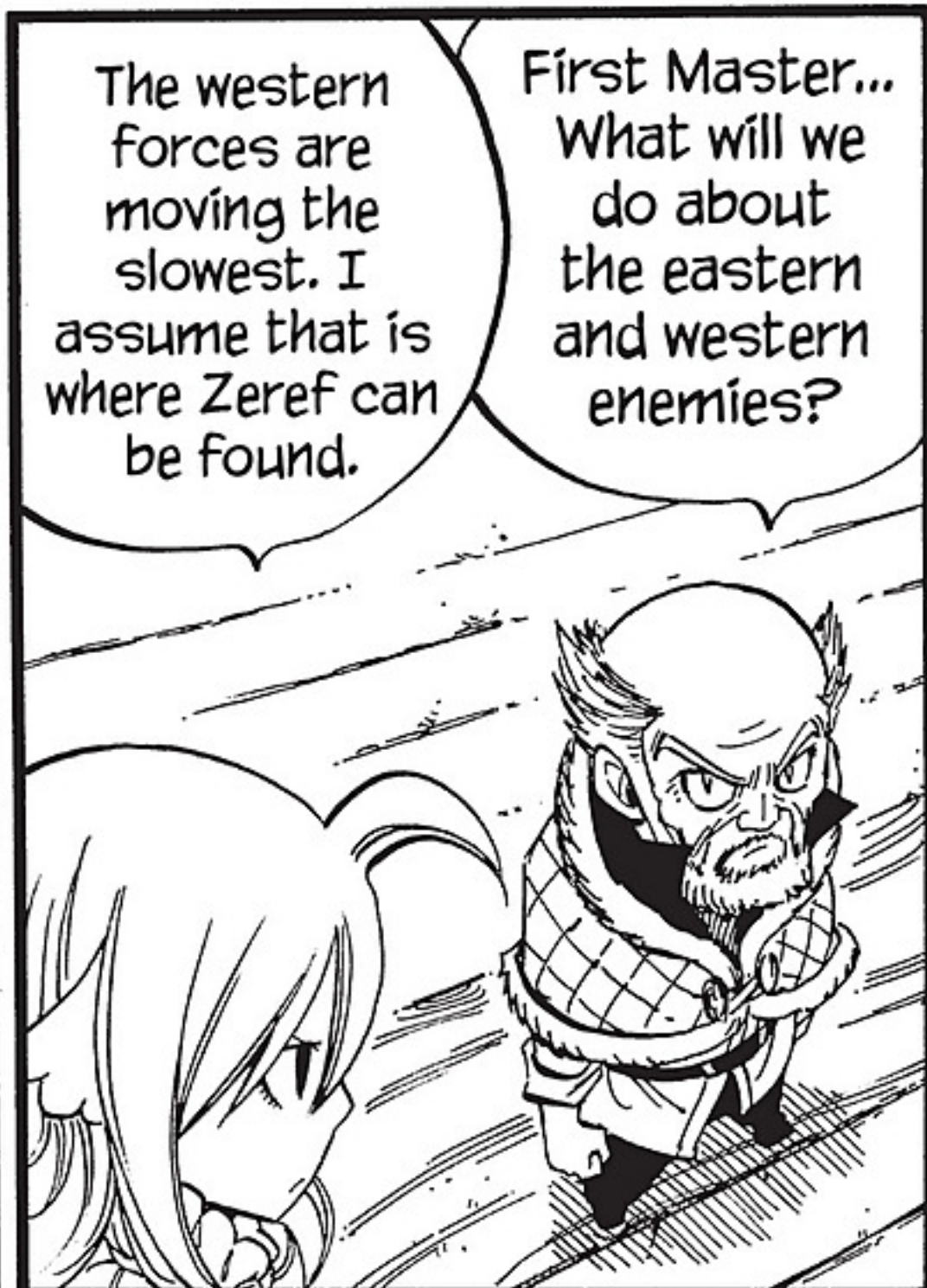
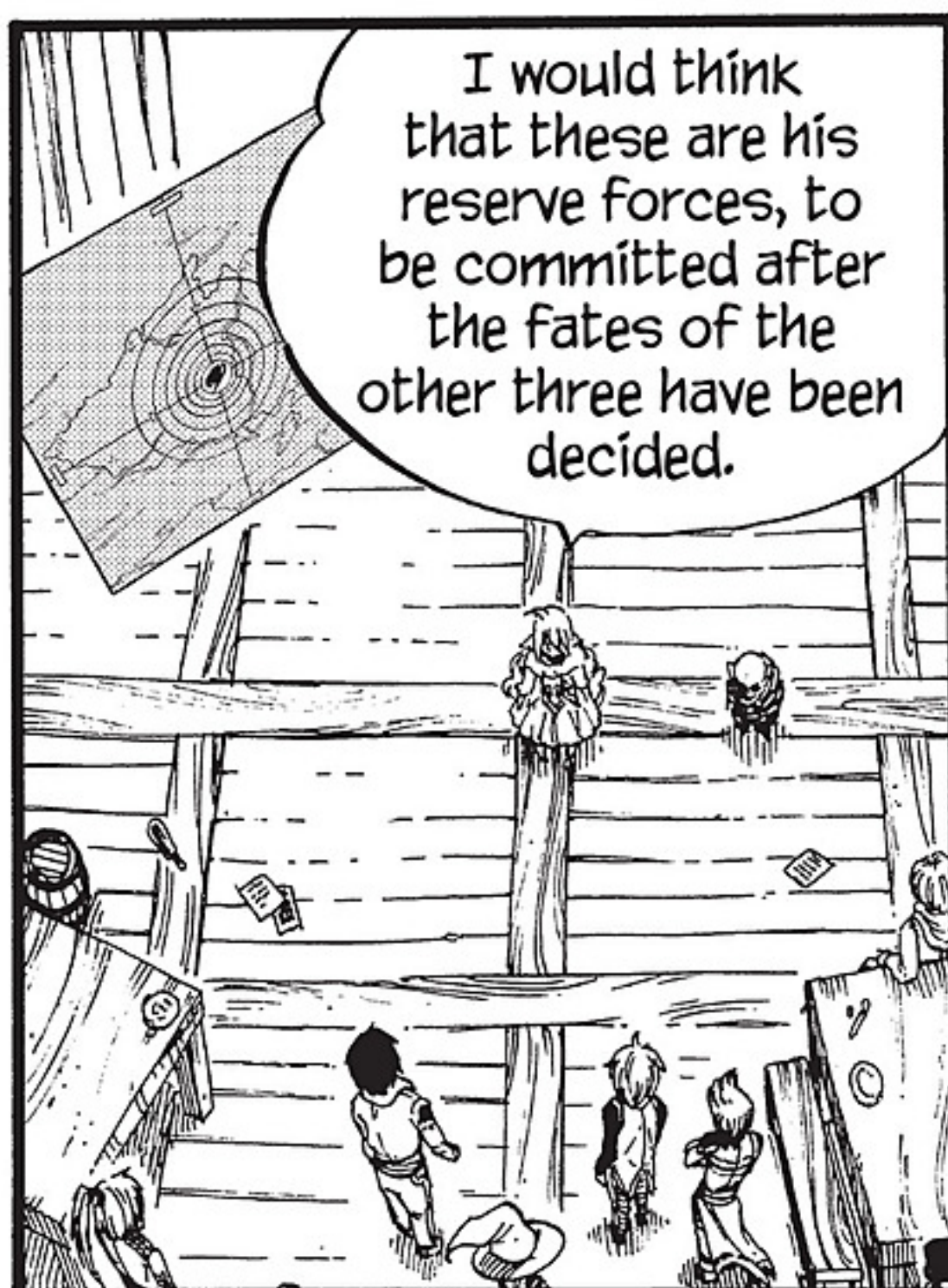
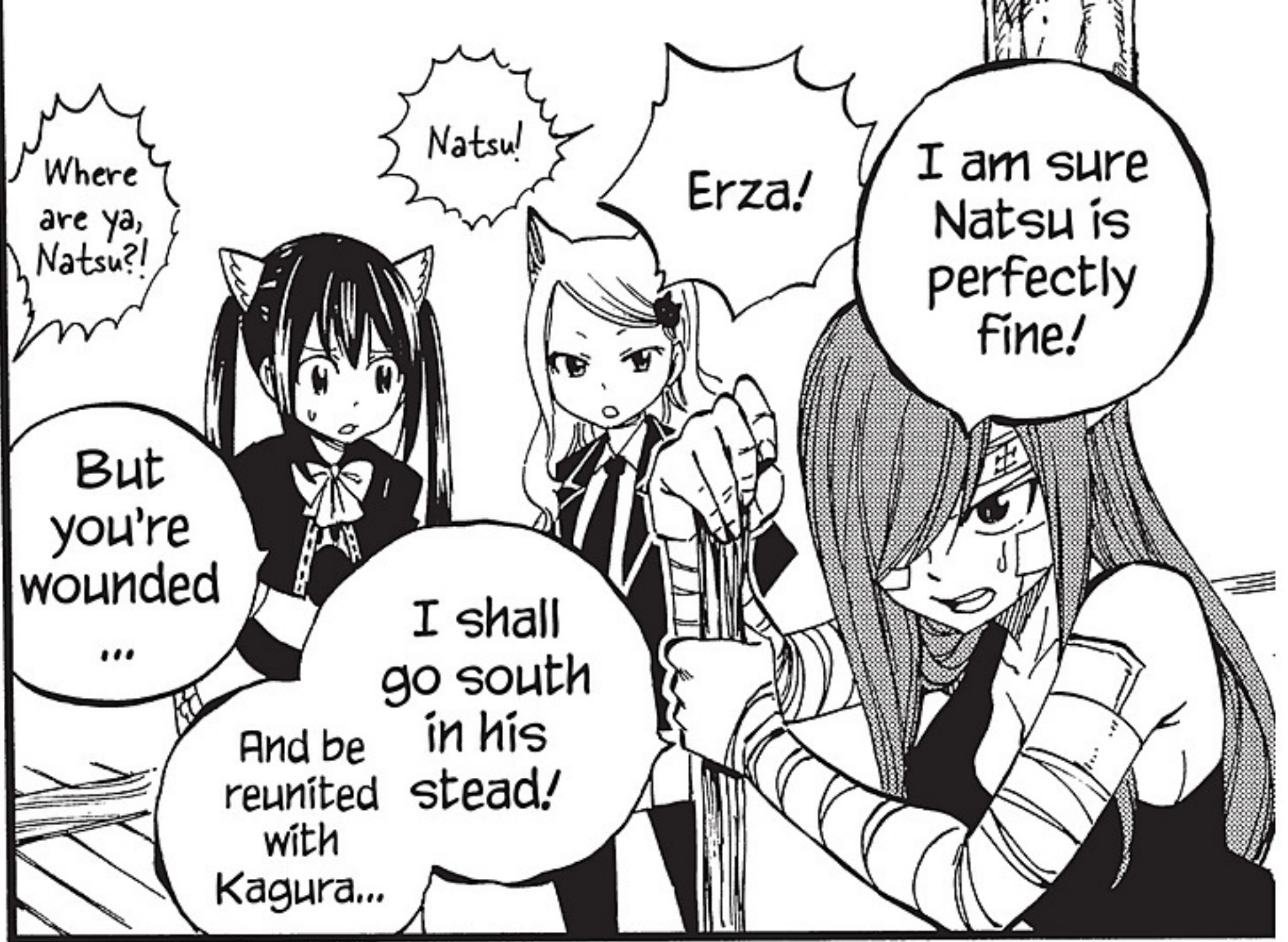
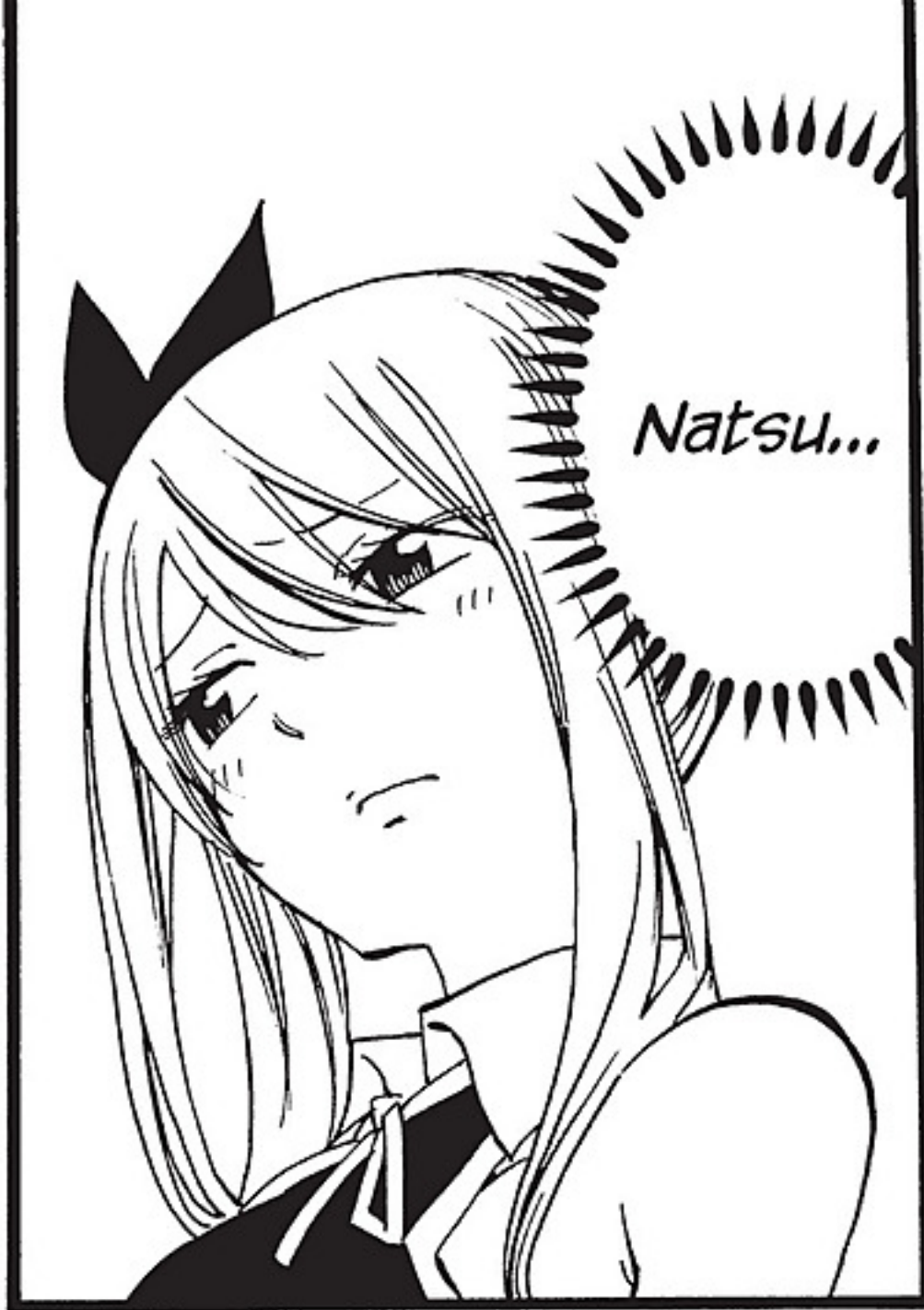
Natsu, where are you?!

Find him!

Aaarg! Why's Natsu taking off on his own at a time like this?! Again?!

Now that you mention it, Juvia hasn't seen him either...

Huh? What happened to Natsu?



WHOOSH ぱん

Therefore,
it is where we
must commit
the strongest
of our forces.

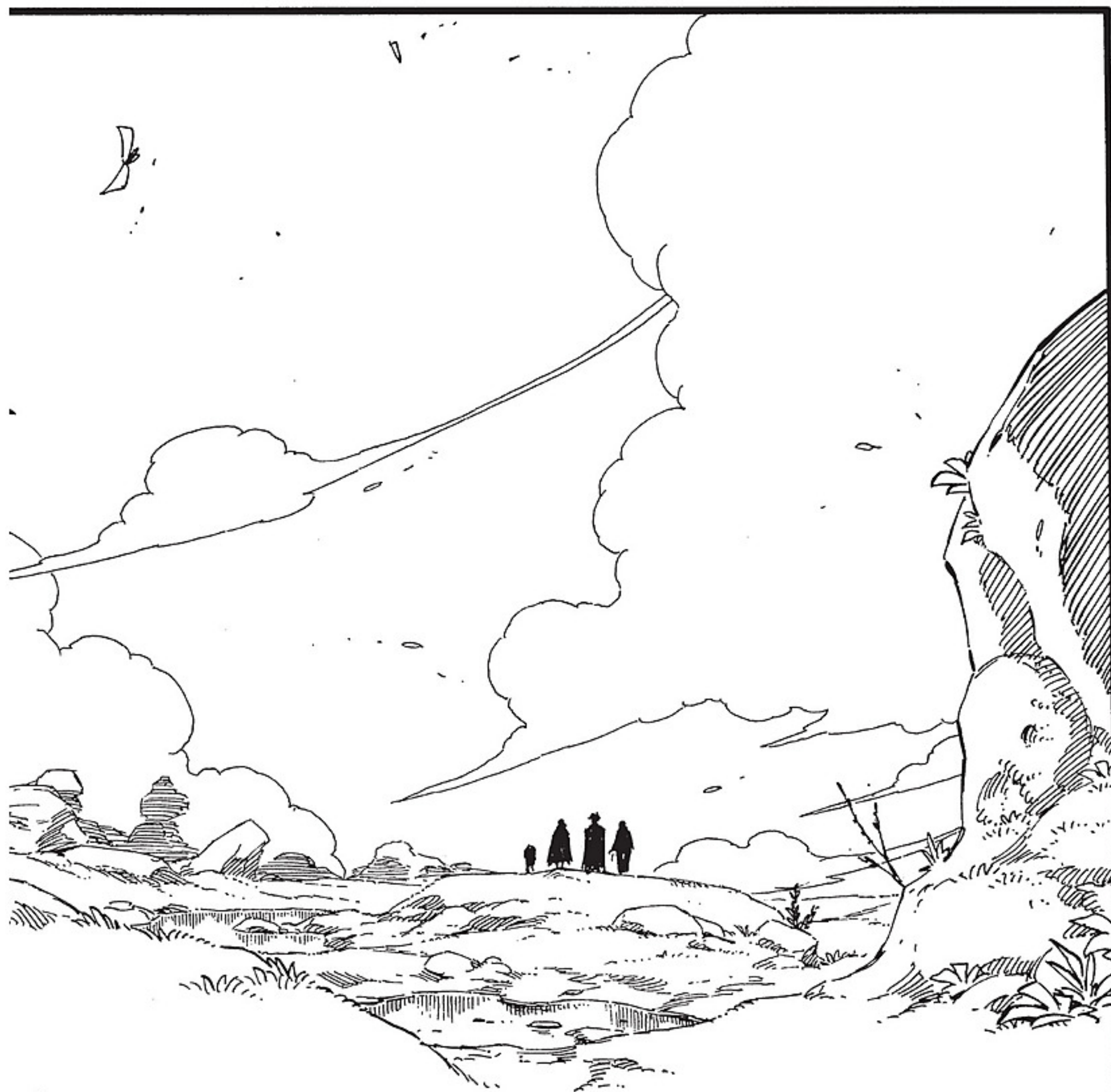
At
present,
the east is
where our
greatest
danger
lies.

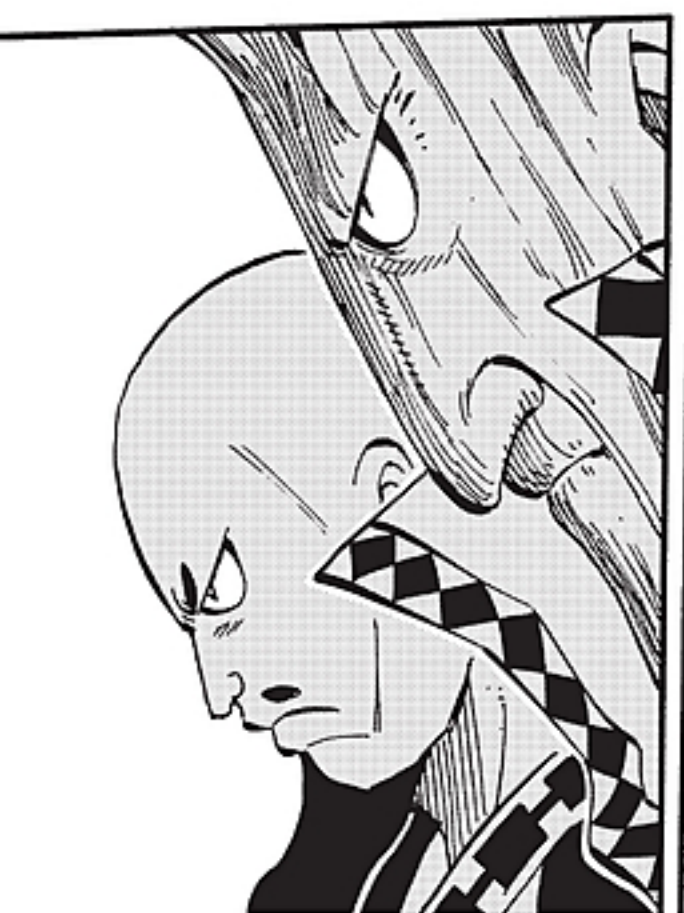
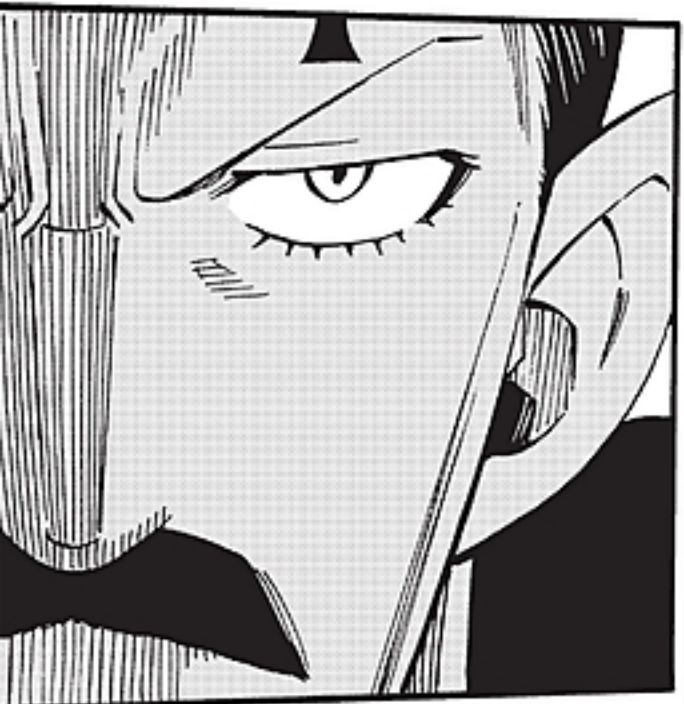
Okay,
then the
east! I'll go!
Please send
me!

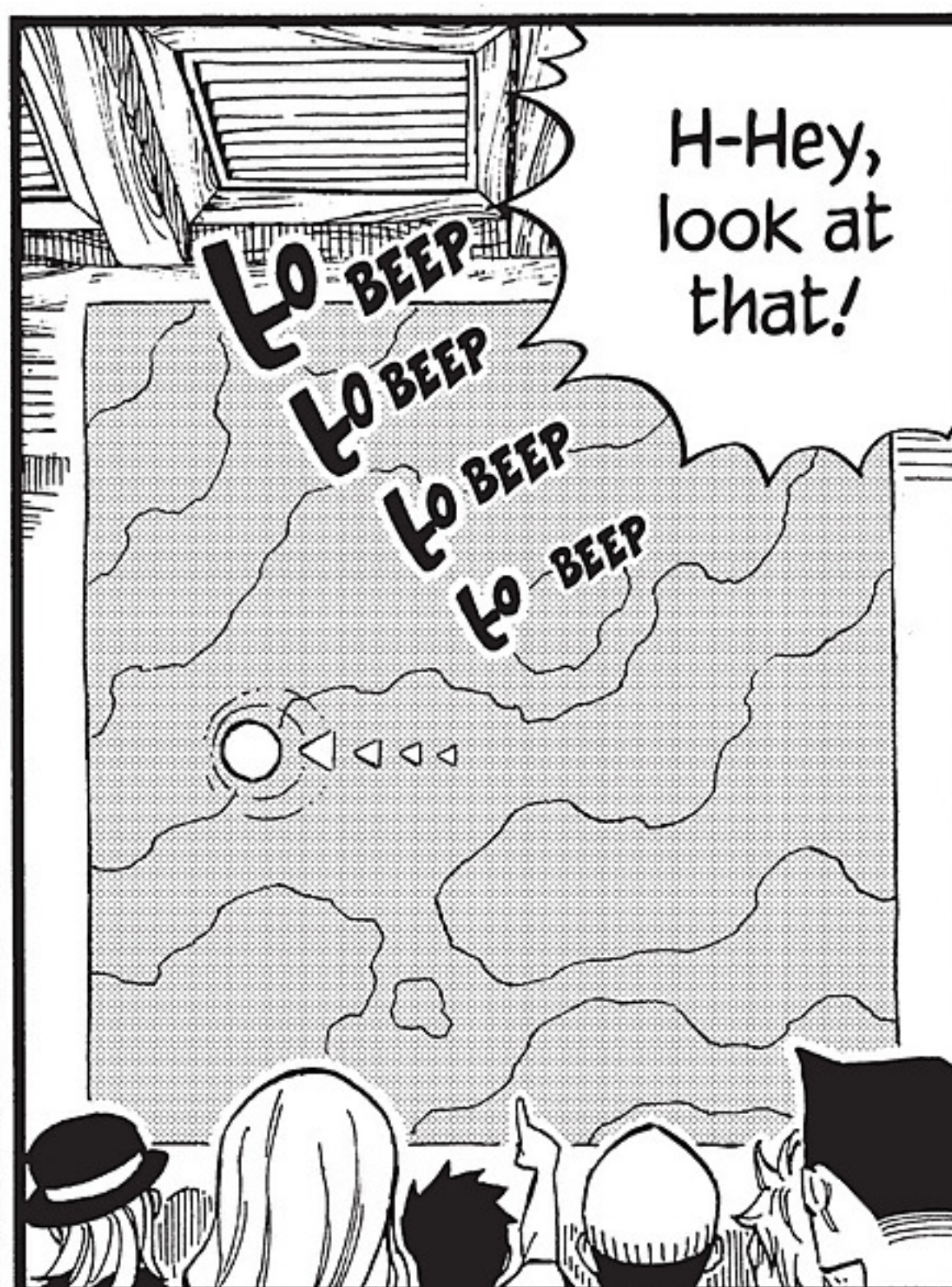
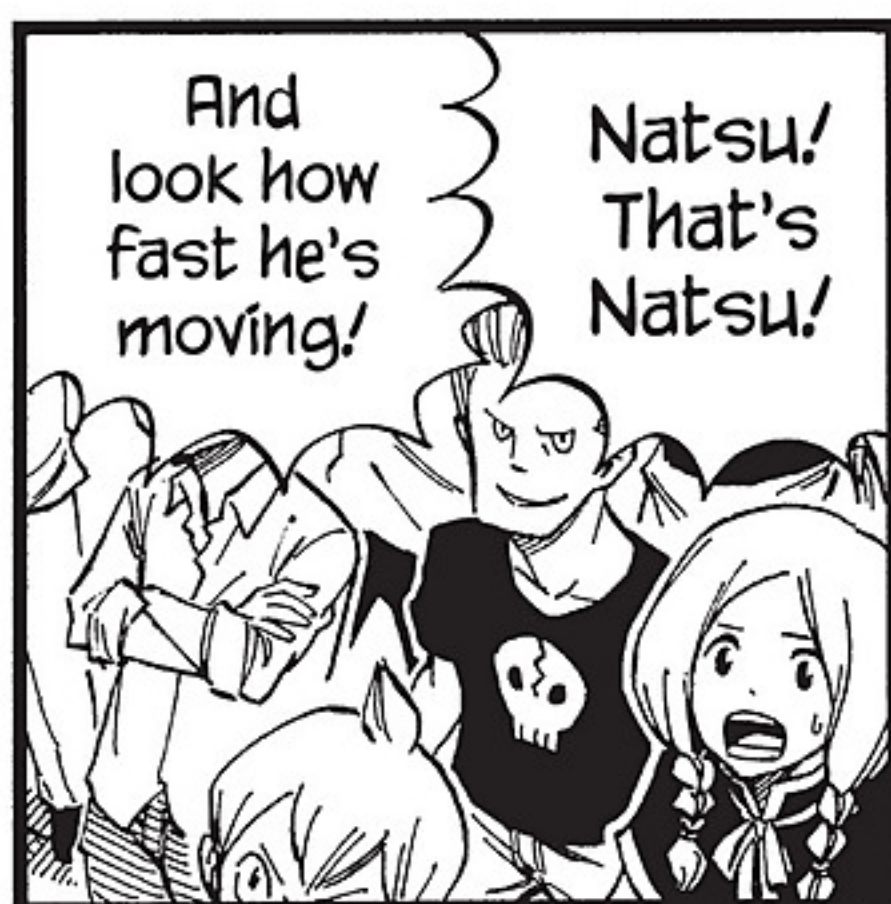
Of course I
have! This'll be
the strongest
force in Fiore!

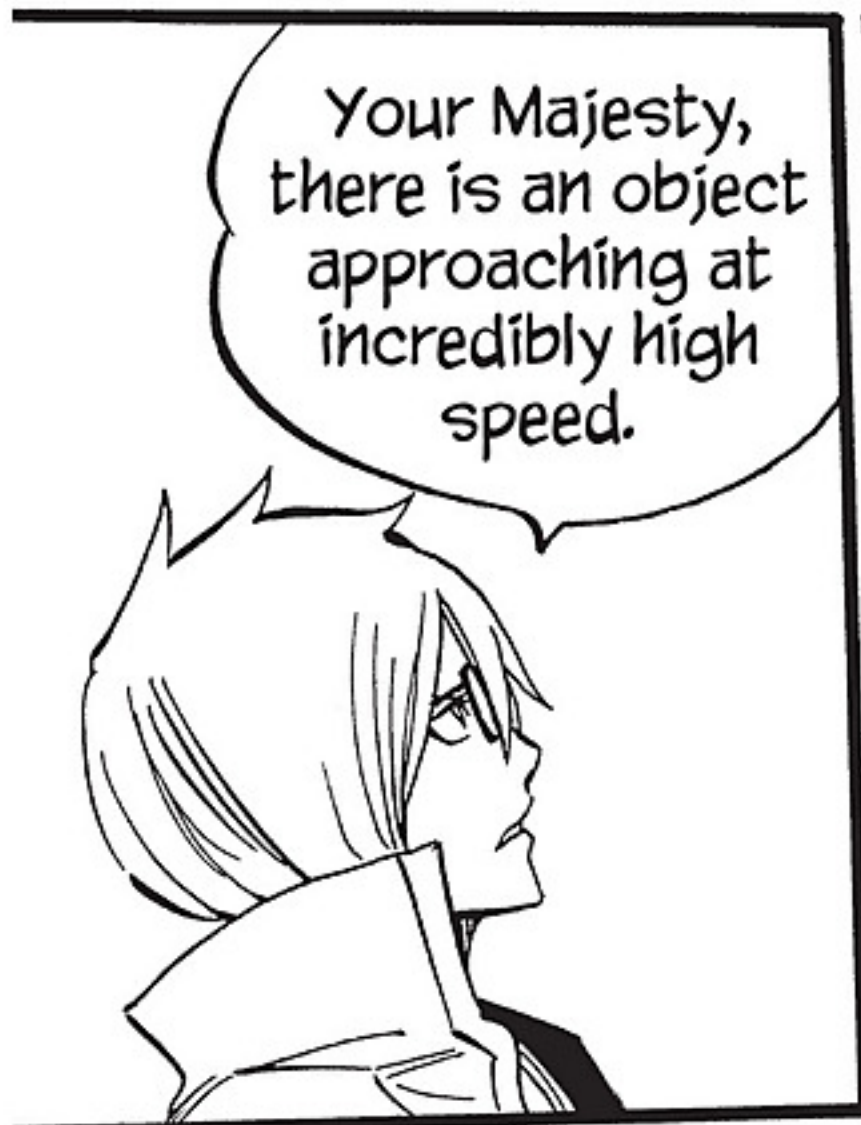
Warren, have
you made
contact?

What
does that
mean?











**Let's finish
this once
and for
all!!!!**

**Zeref
!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

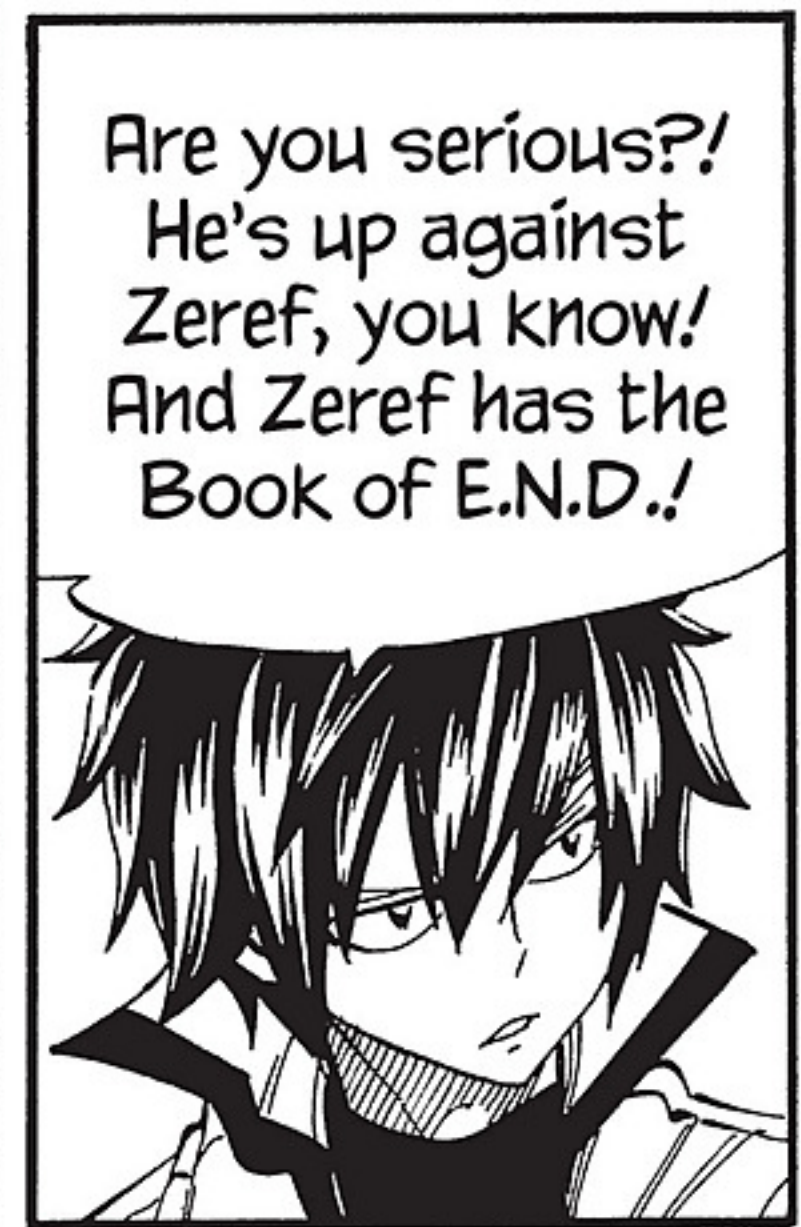
Chapter 463: Black Carpet



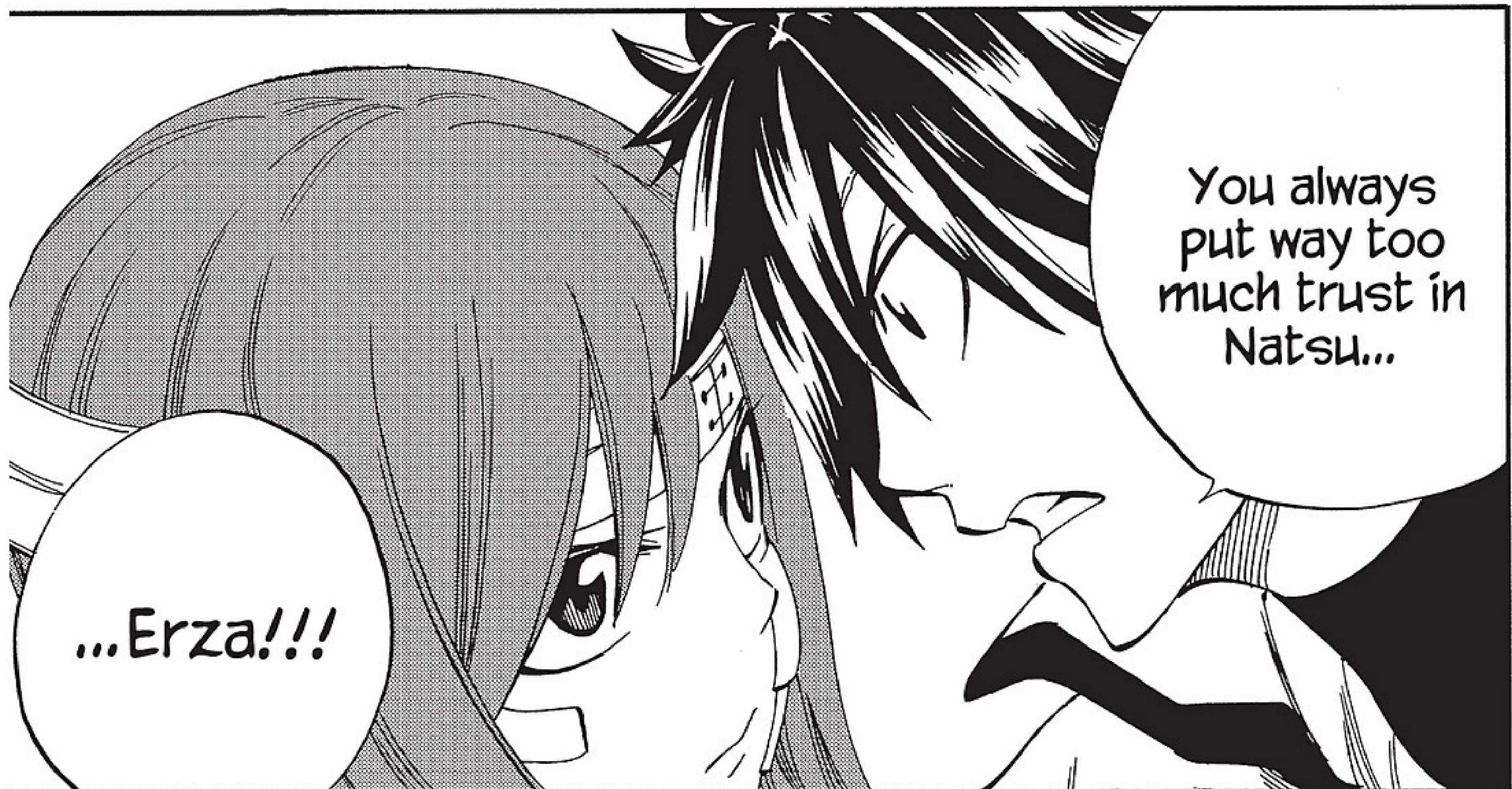


Natsu said something about having a plan to defeat Zeref.

I have every confidence that he will.

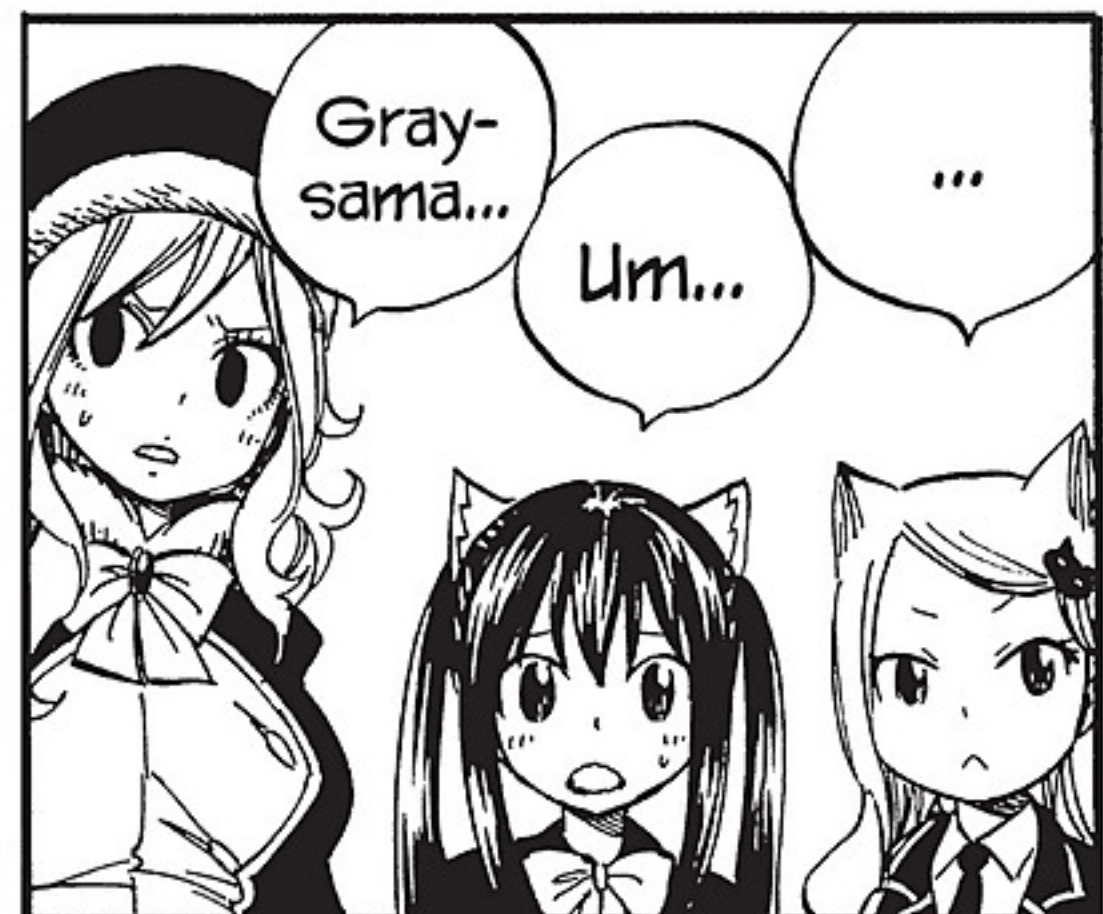
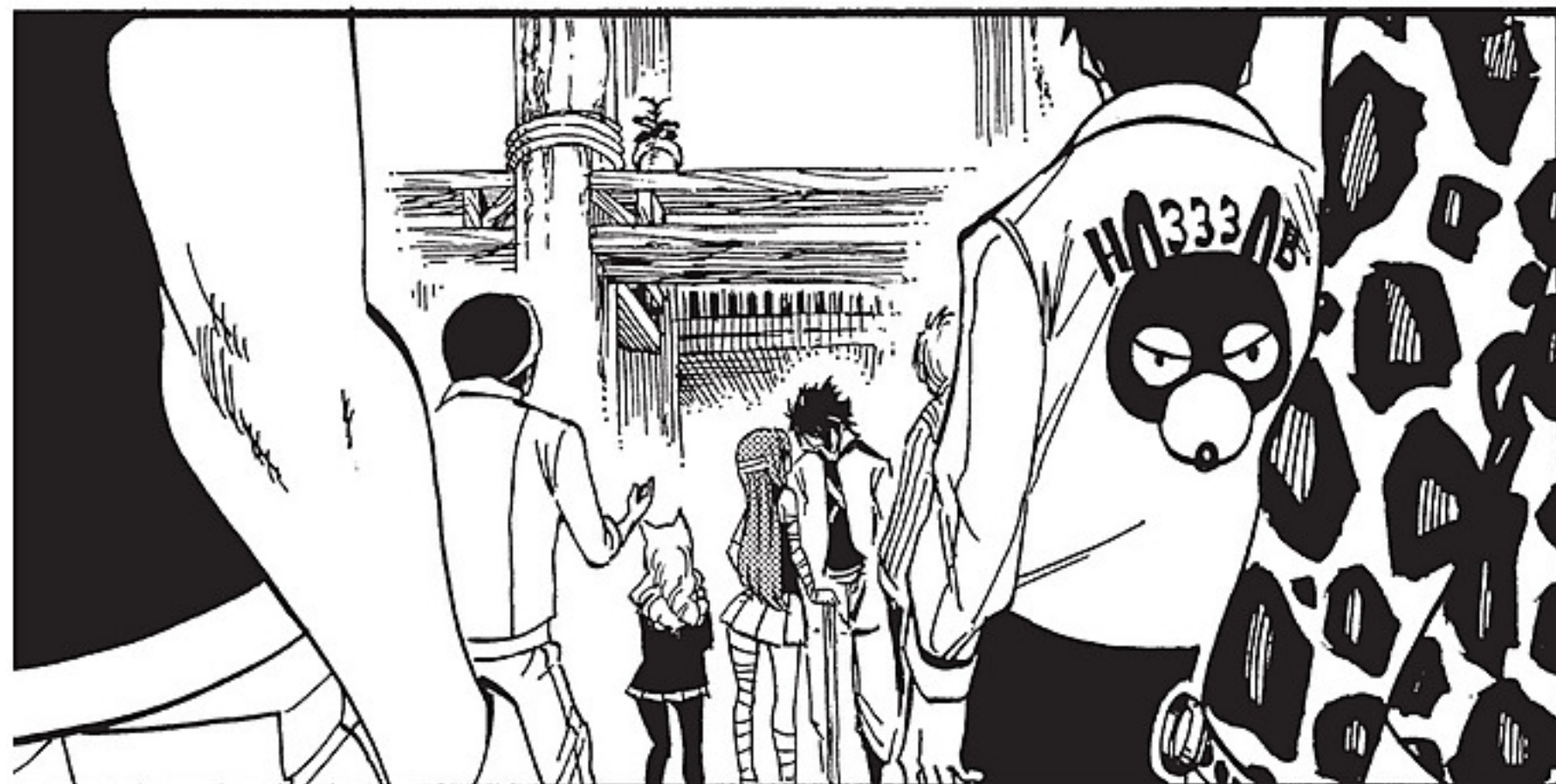


Are you serious?! He's up against Zeref, you know! And Zeref has the Book of E.N.D.!



...Erza!!!

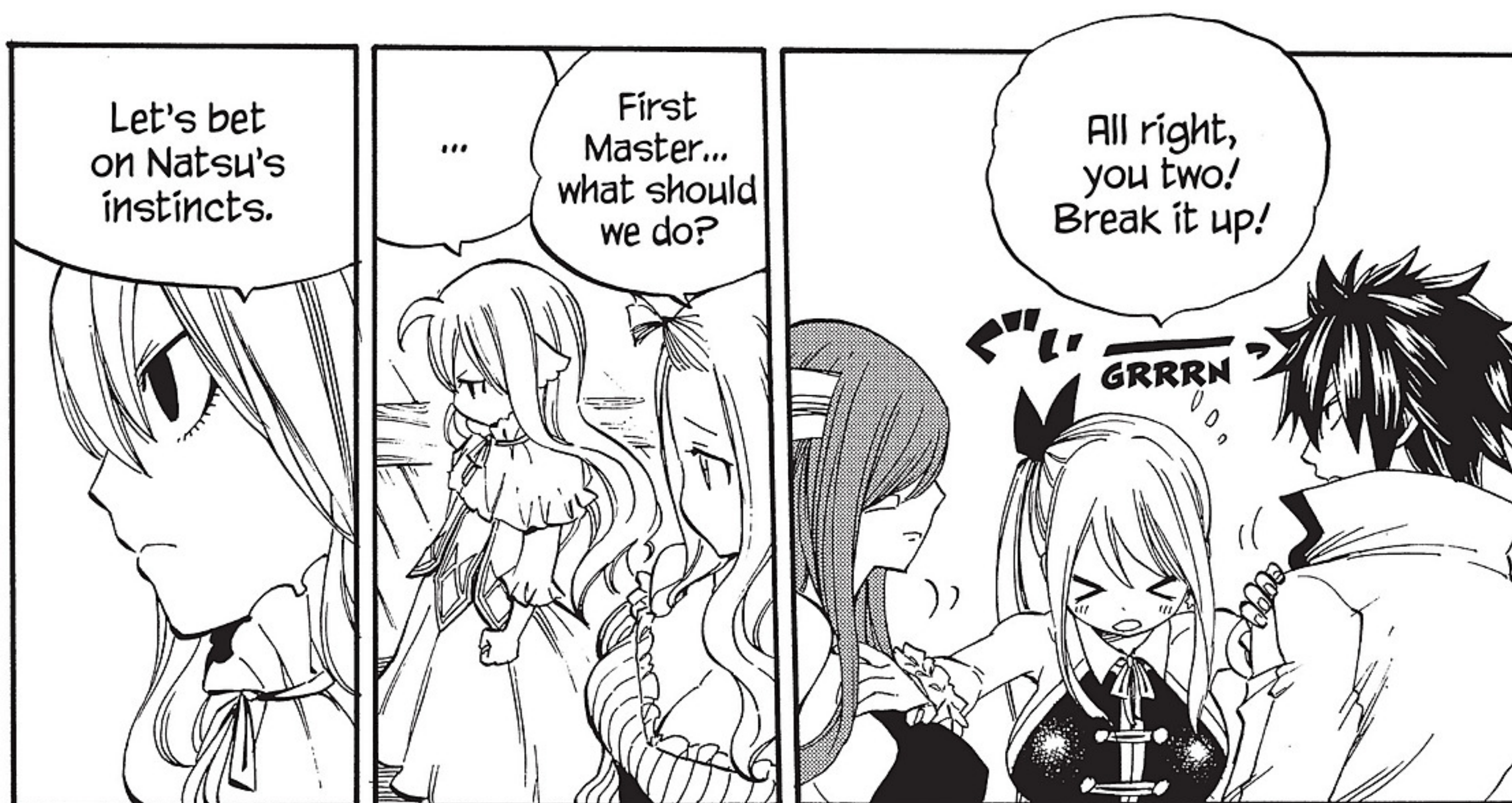
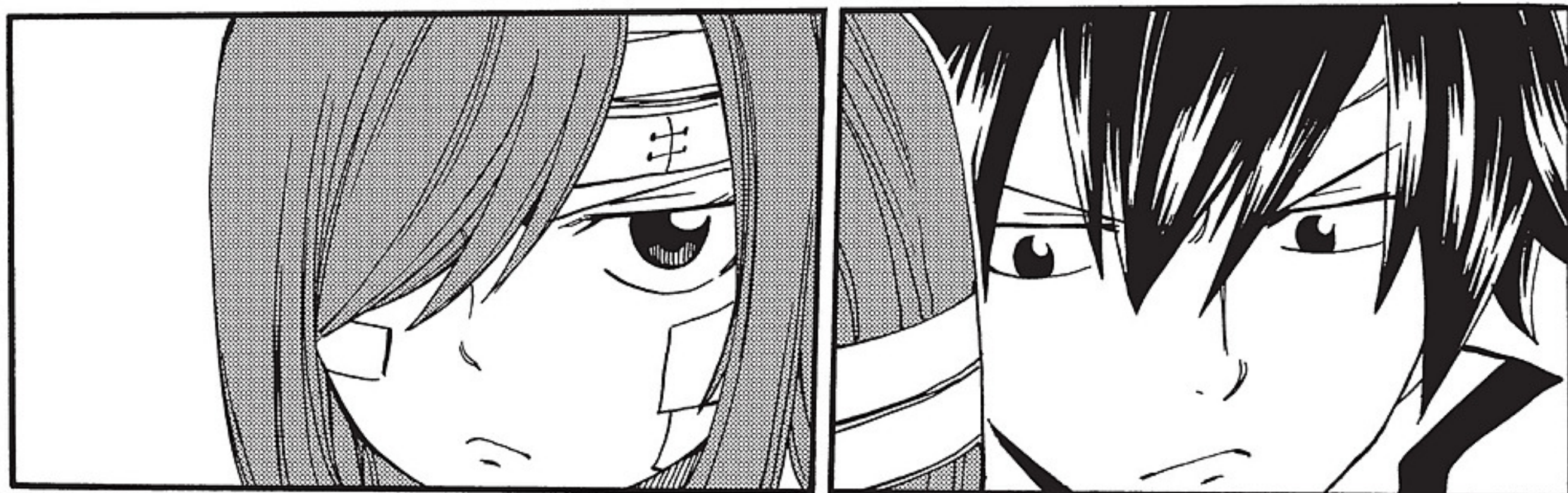
You always put way too much trust in Natsu...

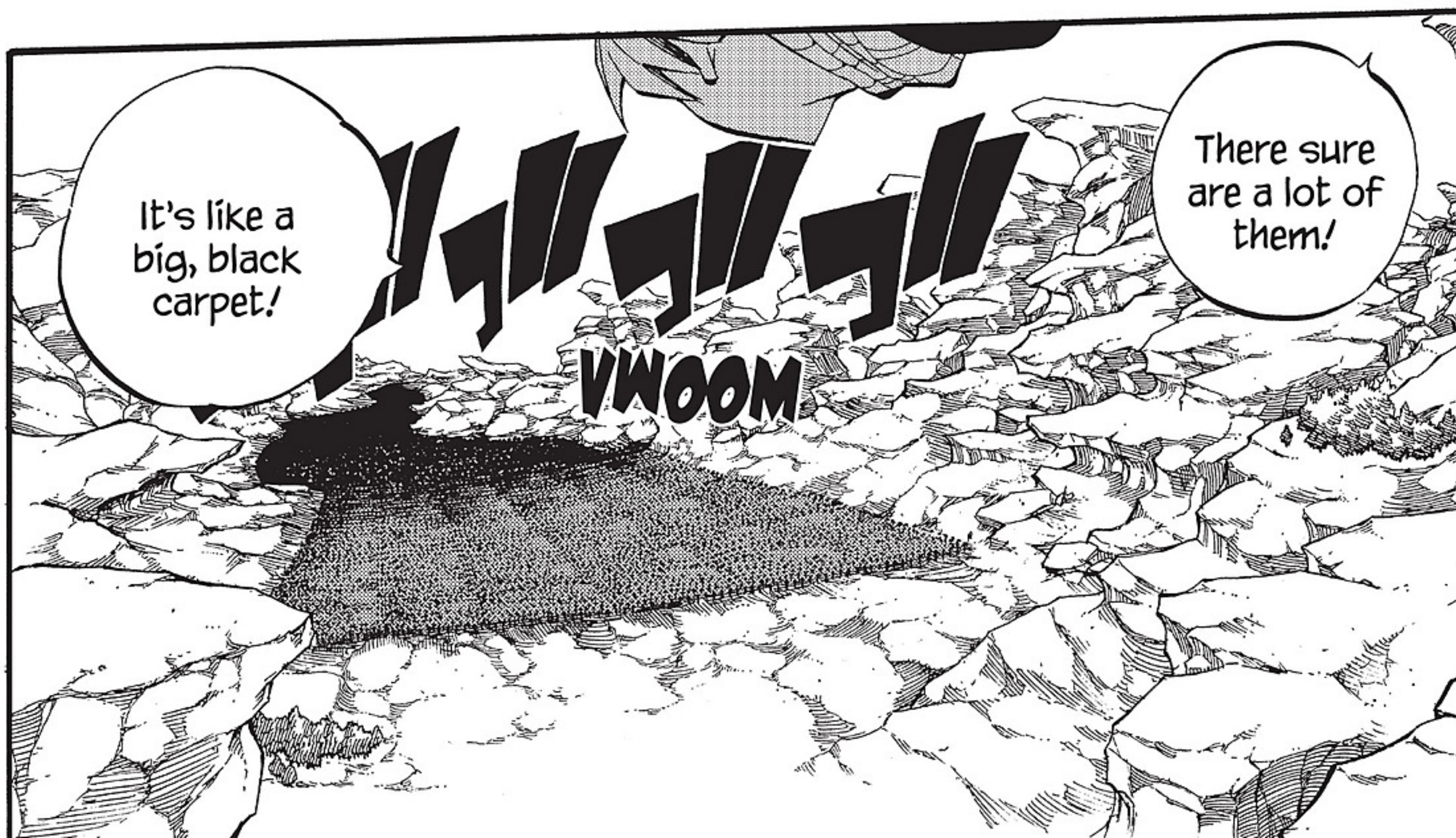
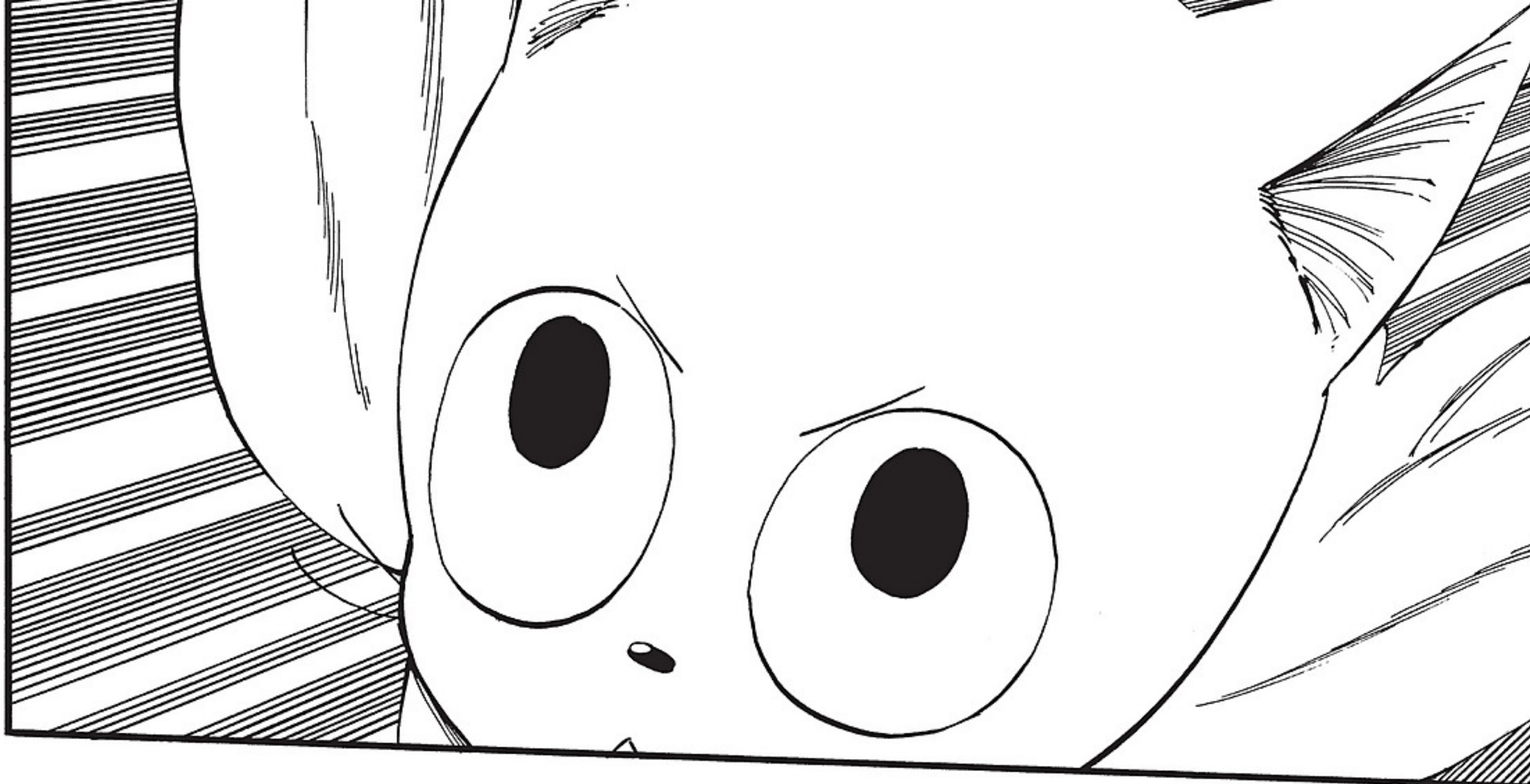


Gray-sama...

Um...

...







You
burned
it up,
Natsu.

Oh,
yeah!



Awful rude
to bring a
carpet into our
house without
askin' us!

Come to
think of it,
what'd we do
with that old,
dirty carpet
we had?

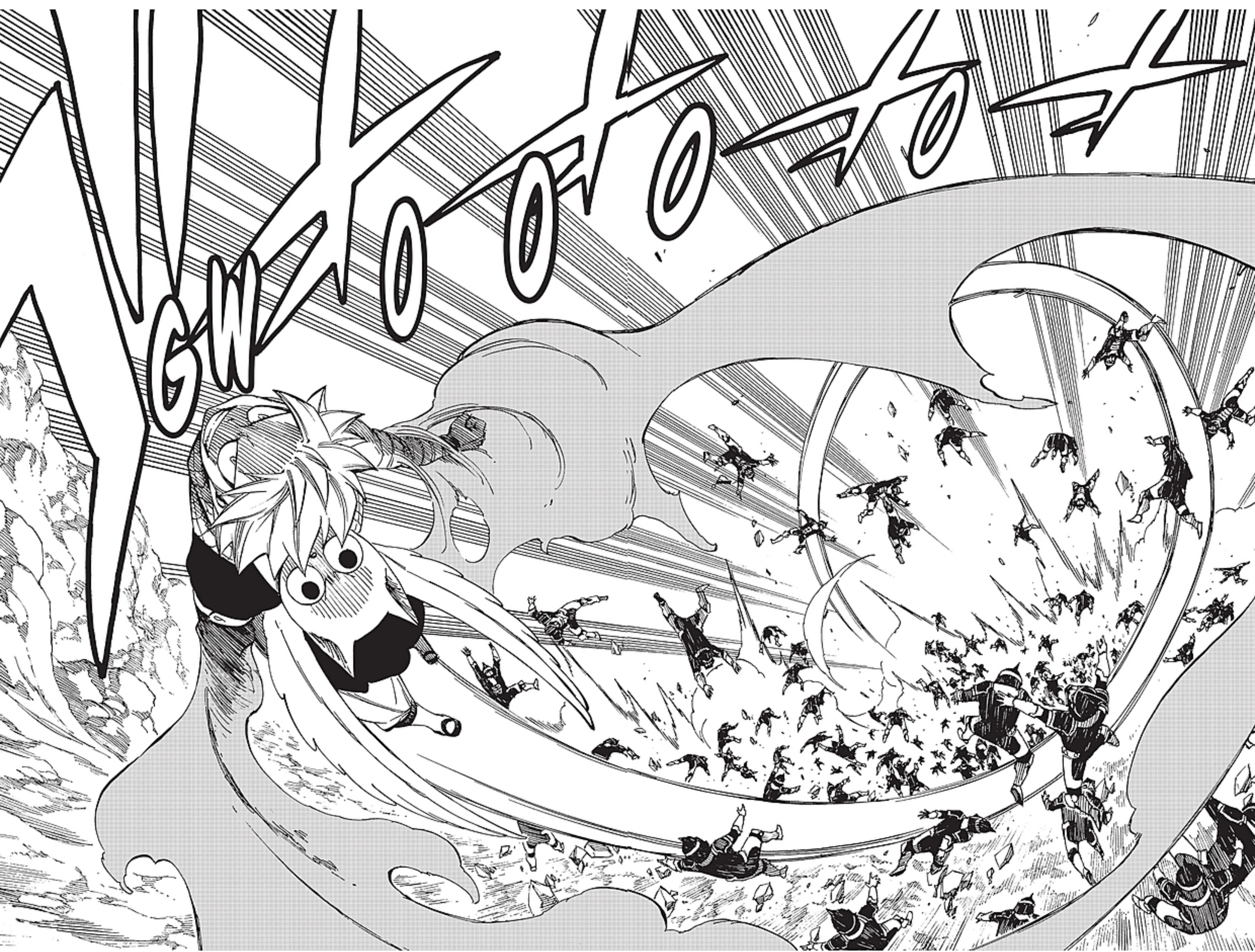


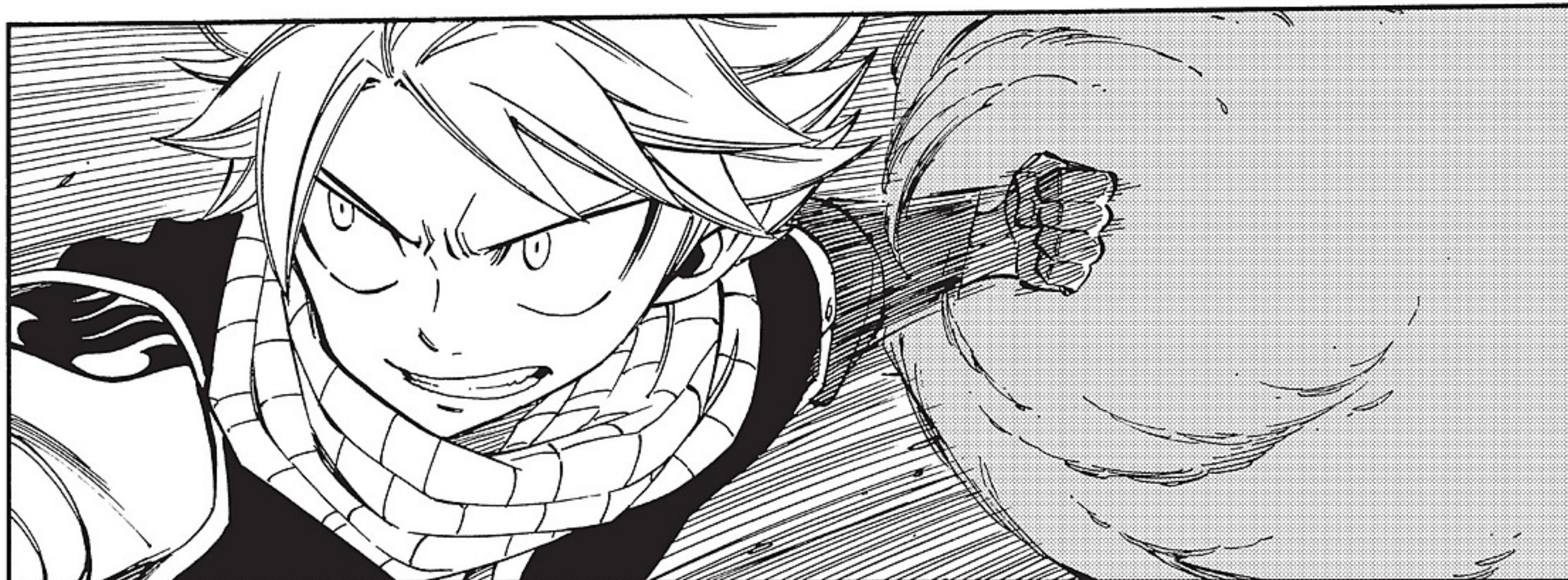
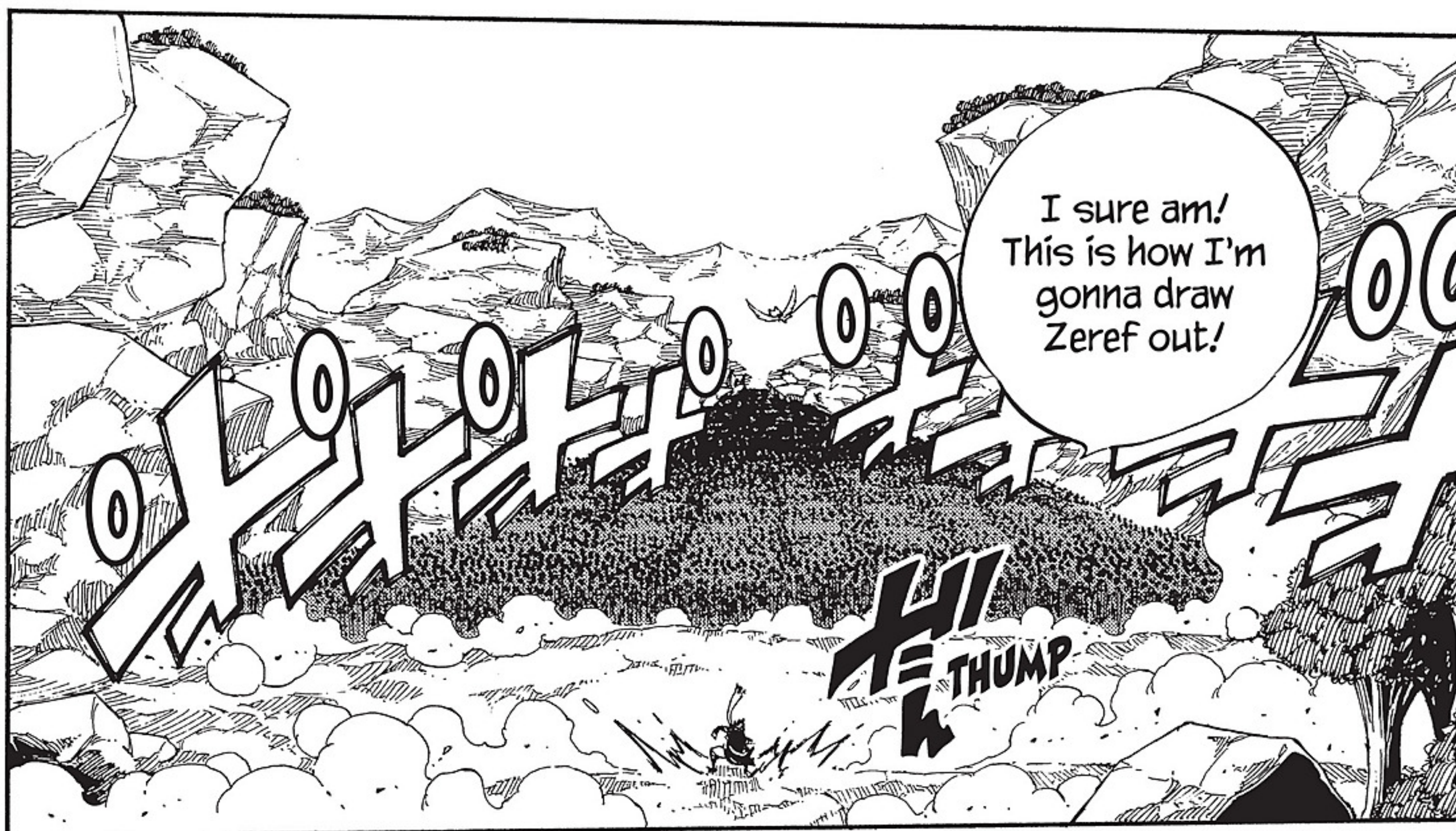
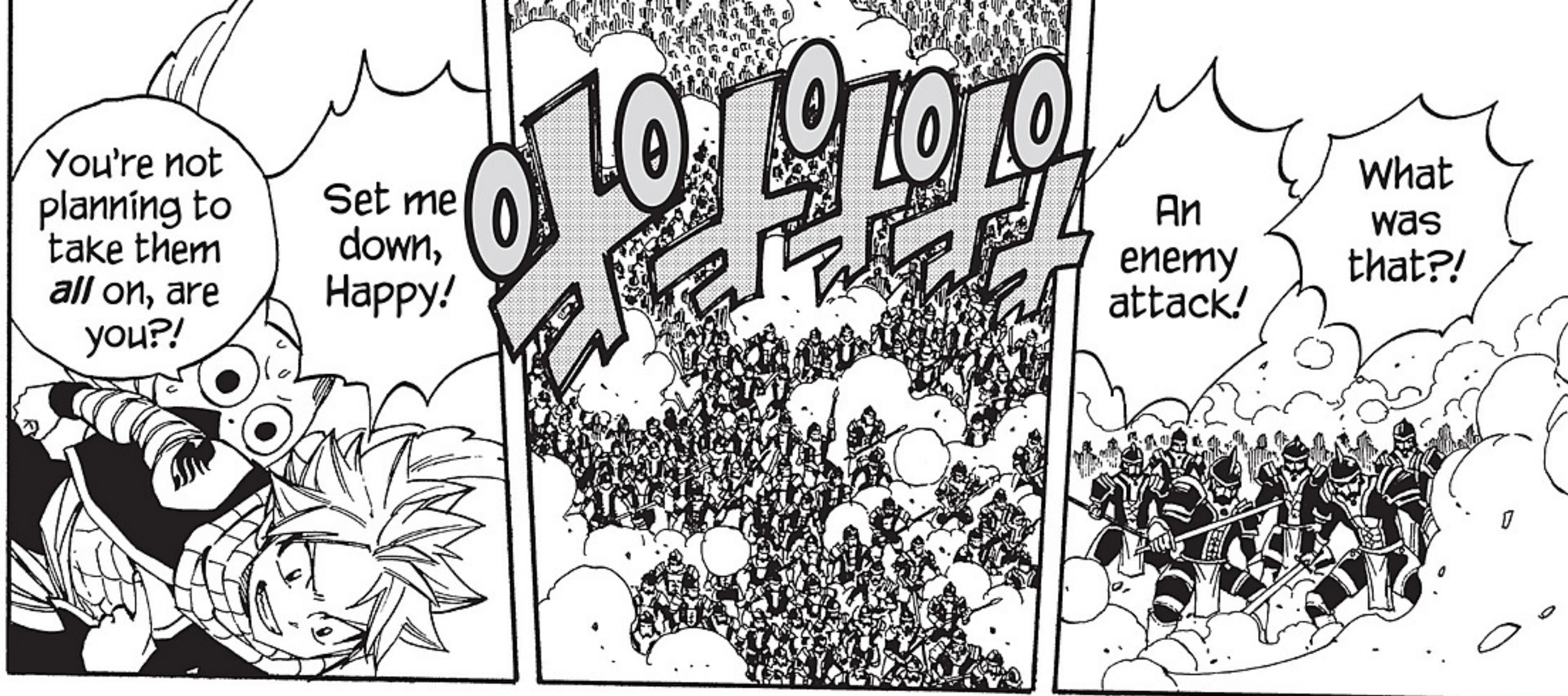
I burned
it up,
huh?



Here
we go,
Happy!

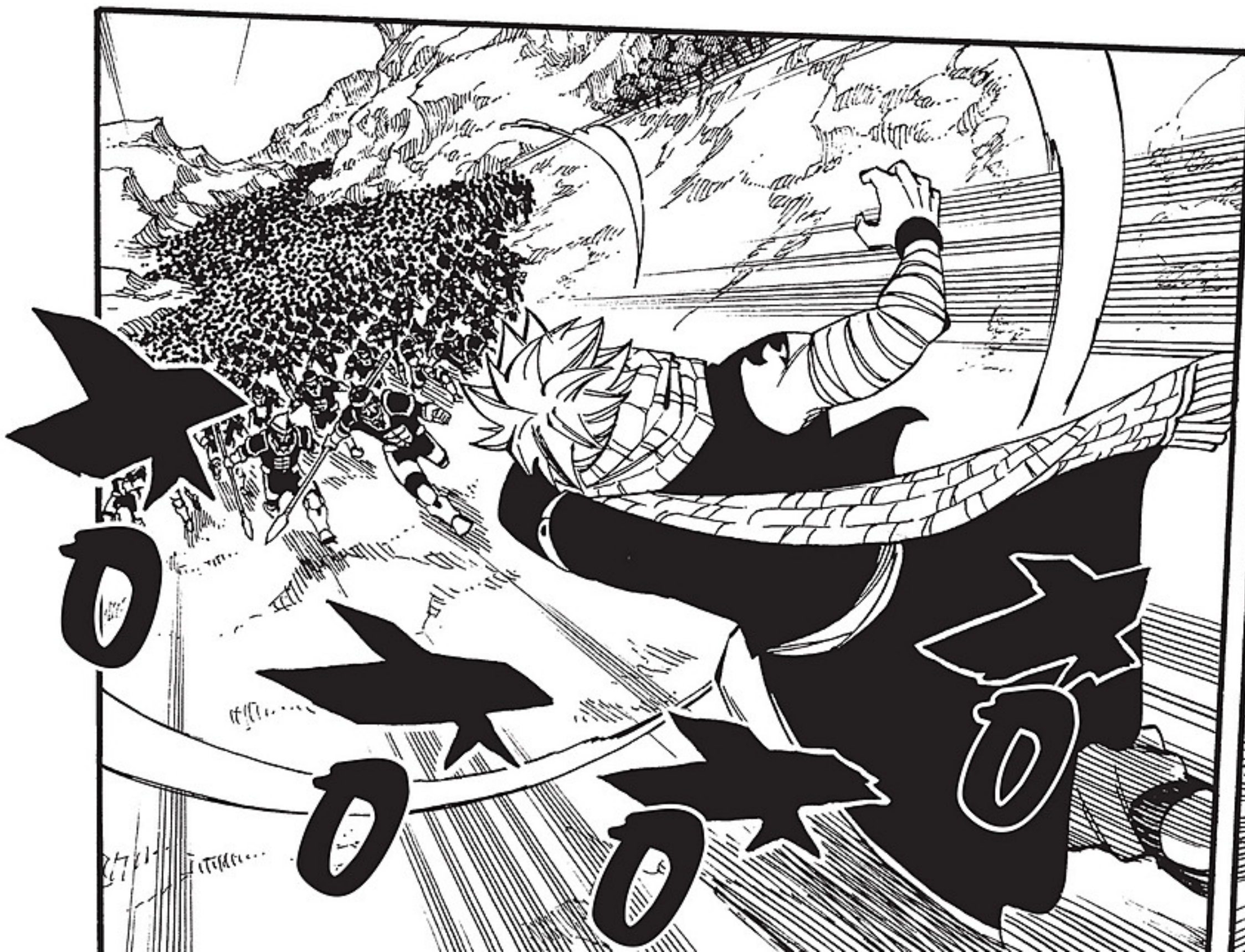
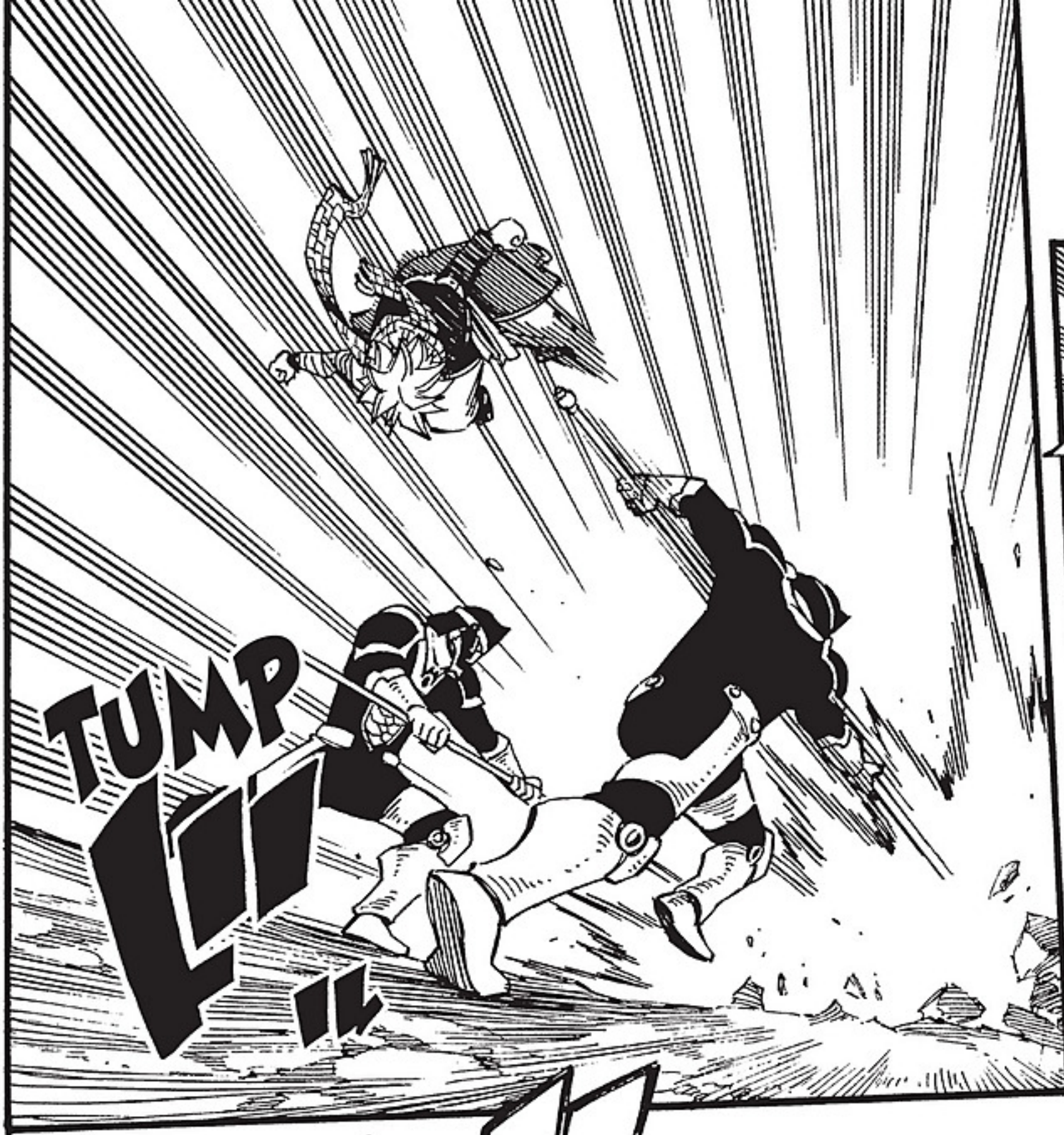
Aye, Sir!

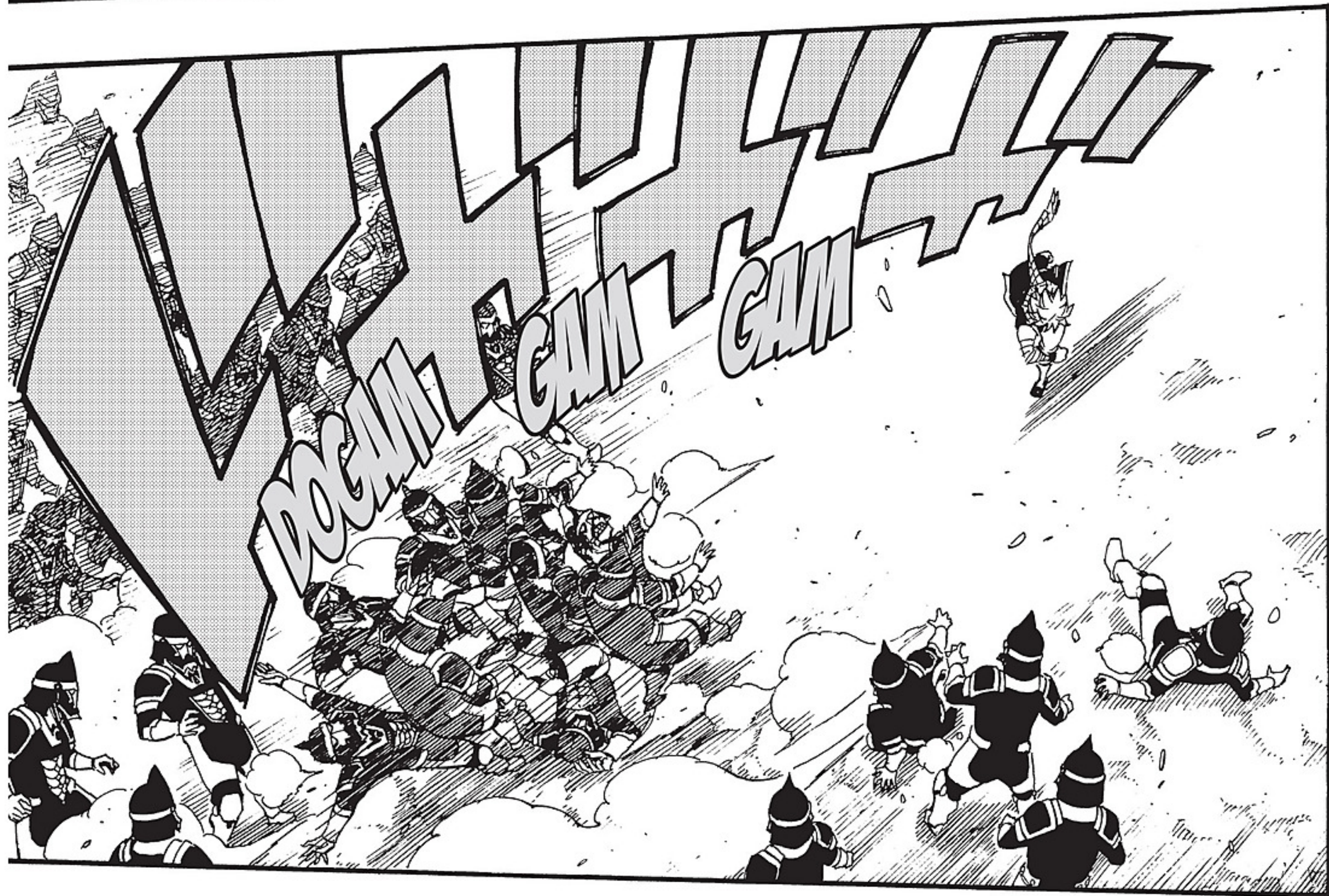


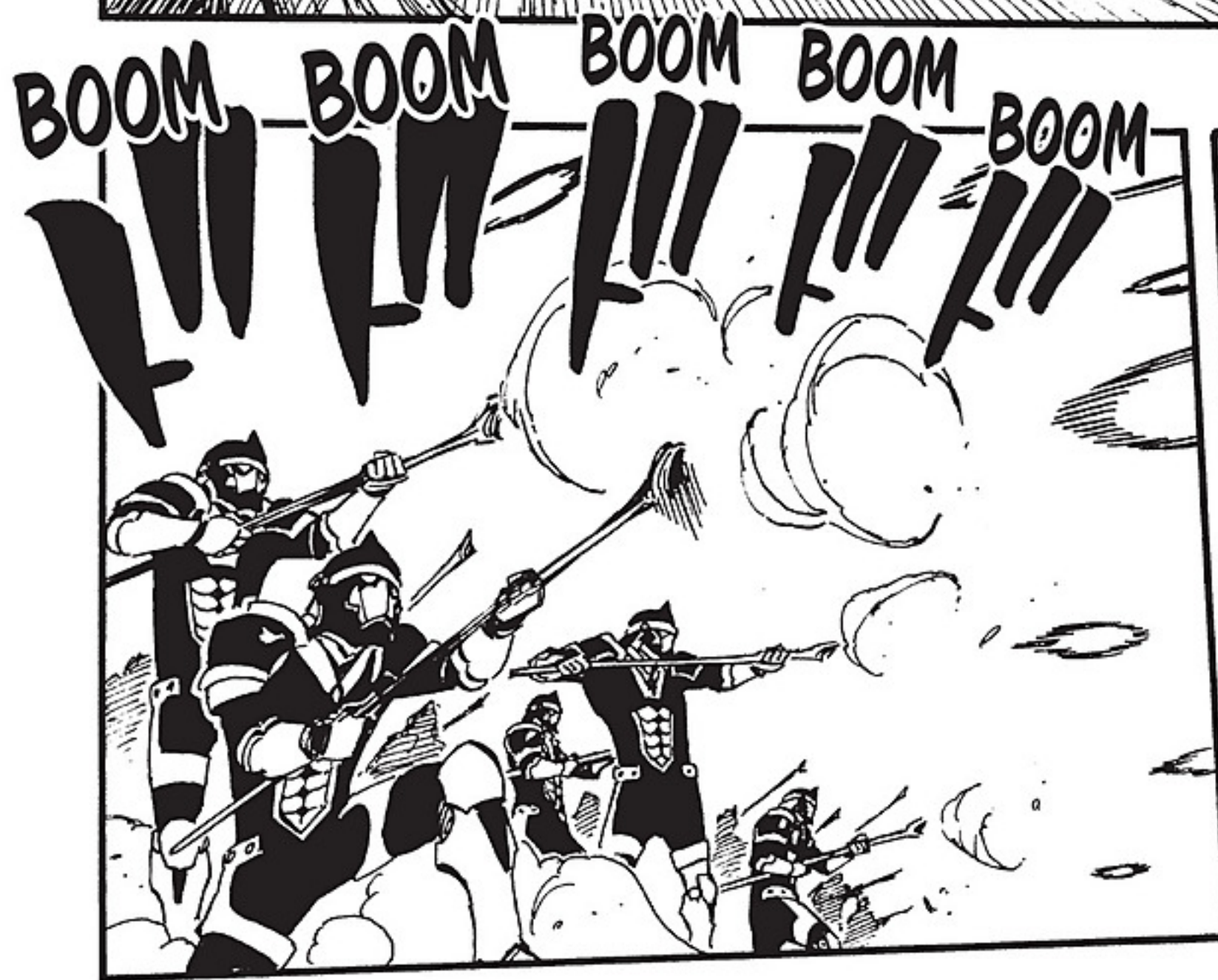


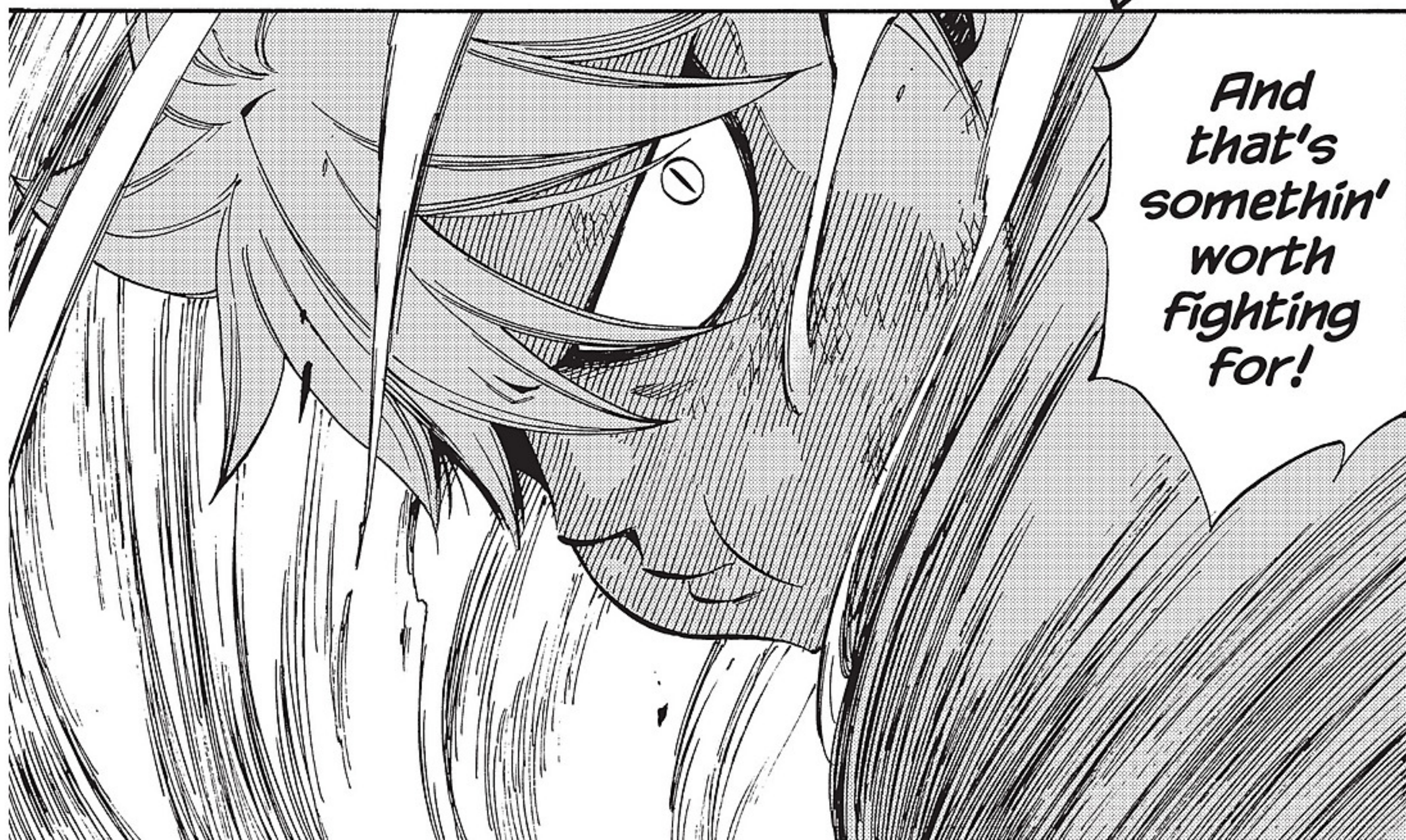
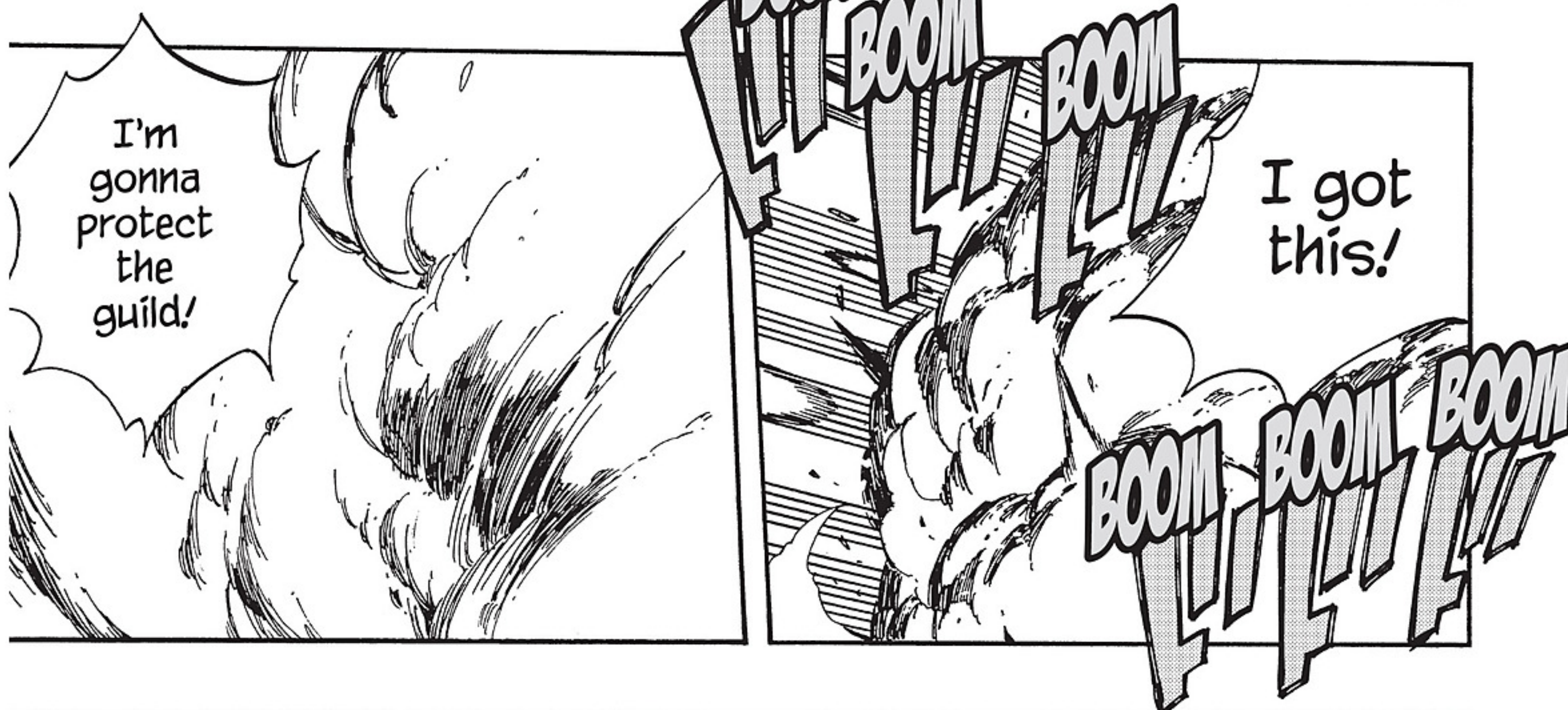
***Hyaah
!!!***













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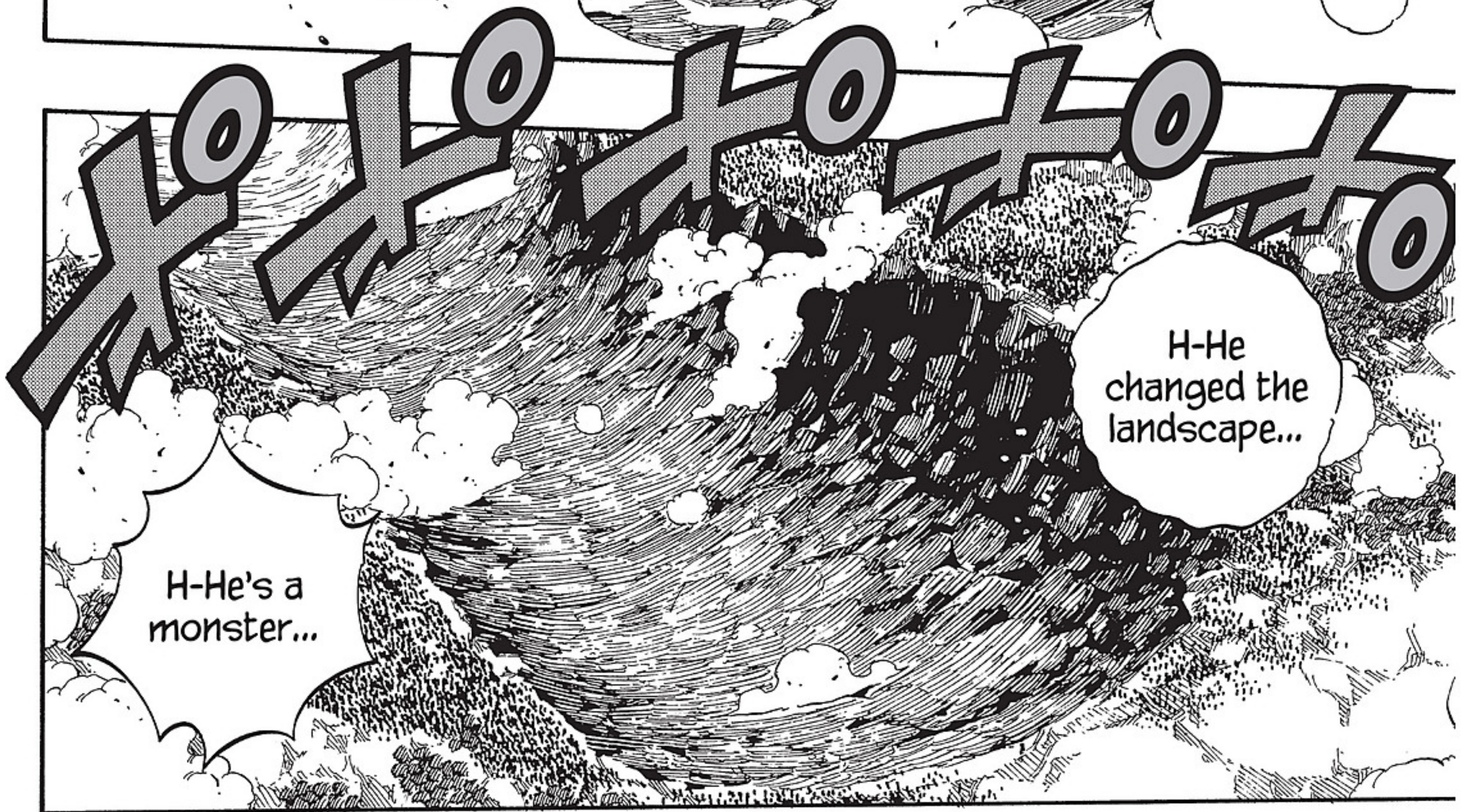
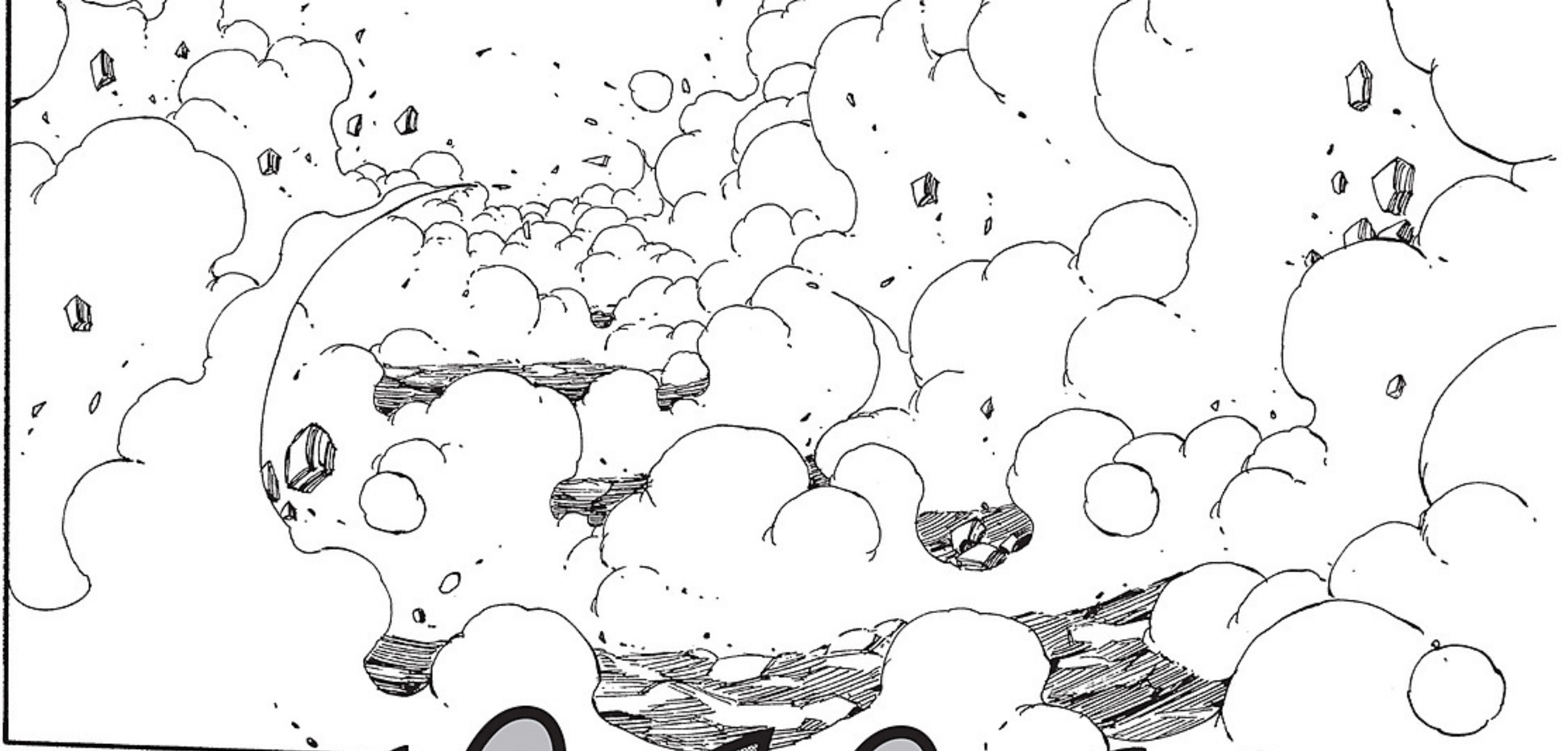
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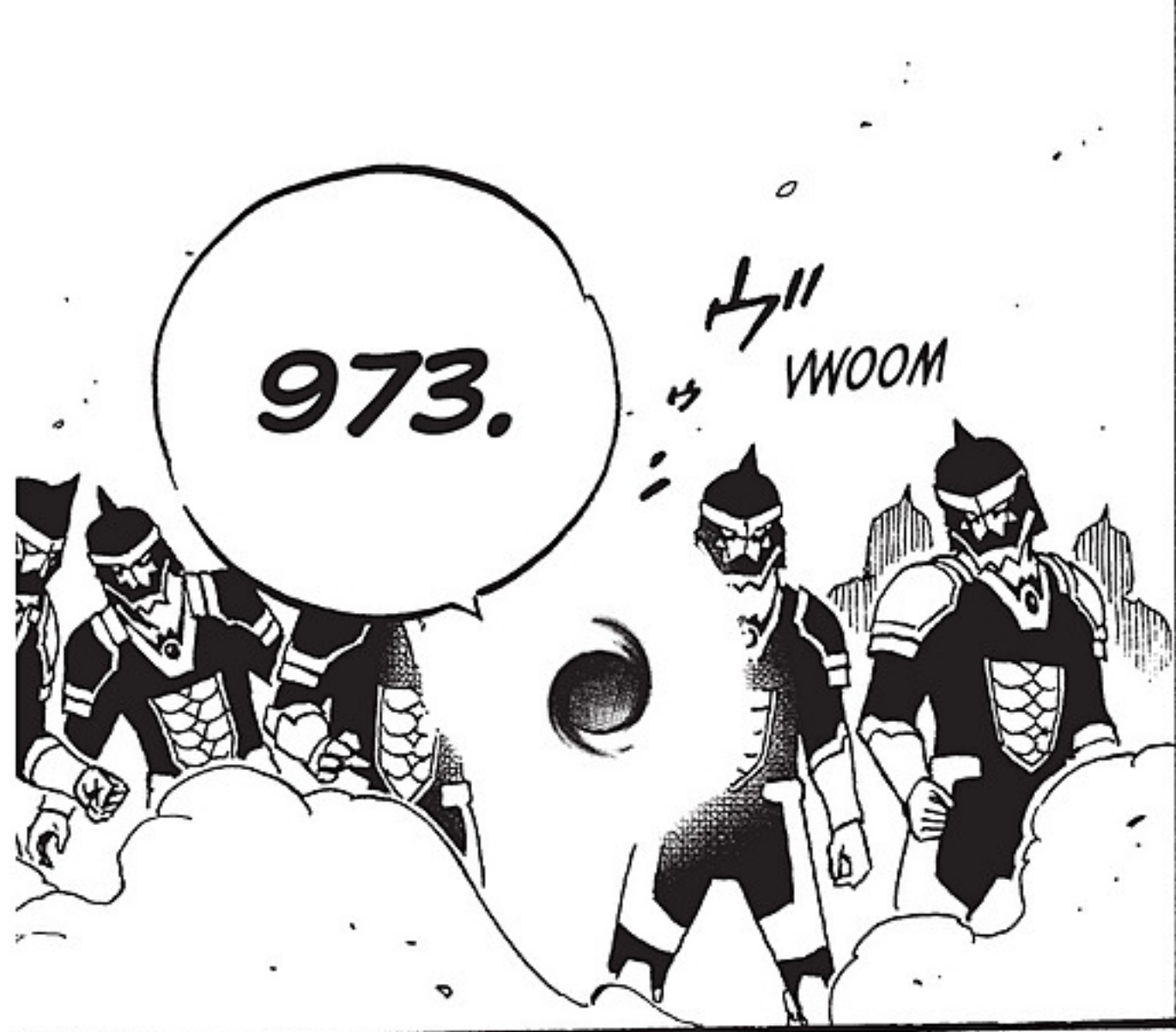
NO

Hôkô*

!!!!

*Fire Dragon King's Roar!!!!

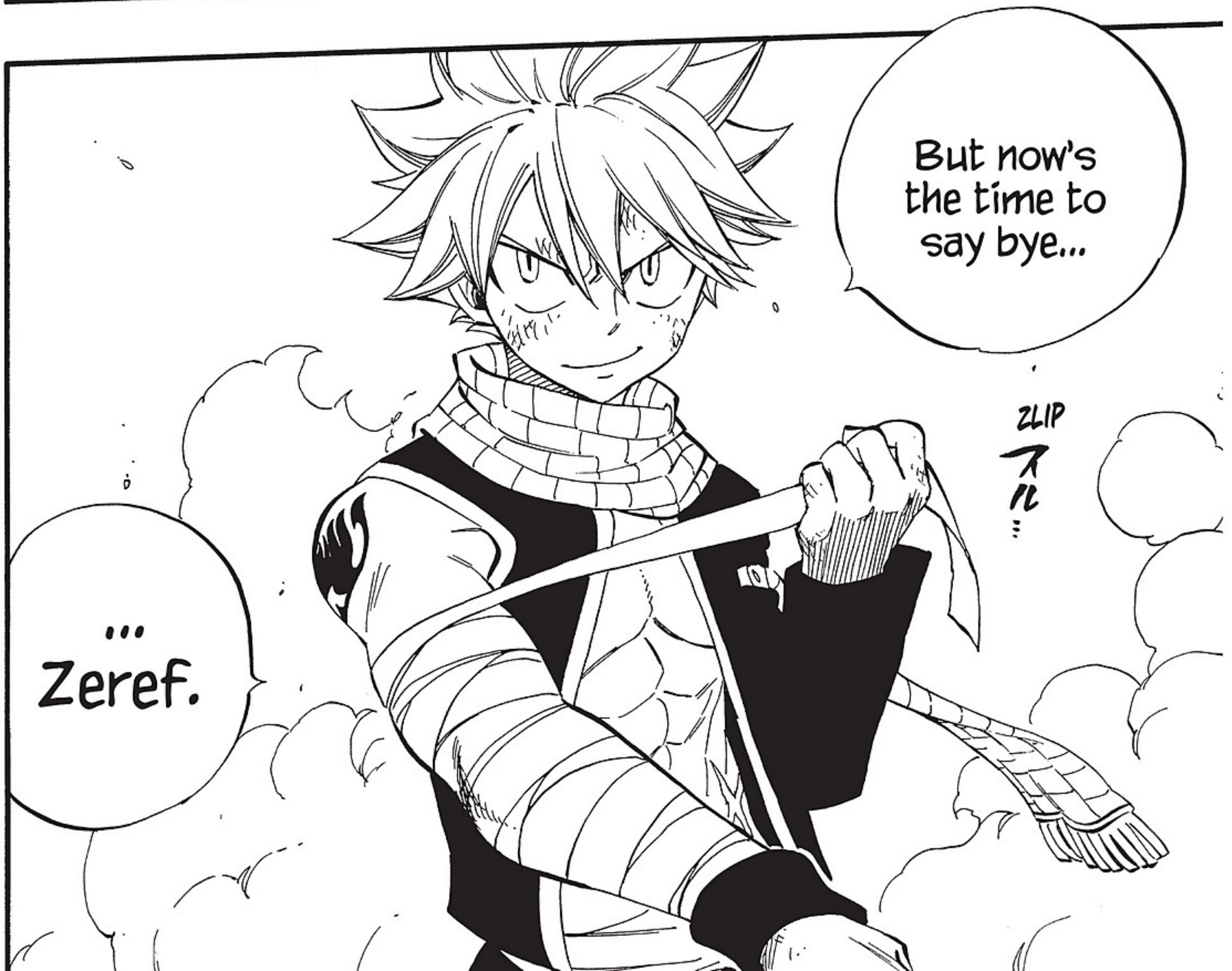






I was
just so
eager to
say hi...

...
Natsu.



But now's
the time to
say bye...

...
Zeref.

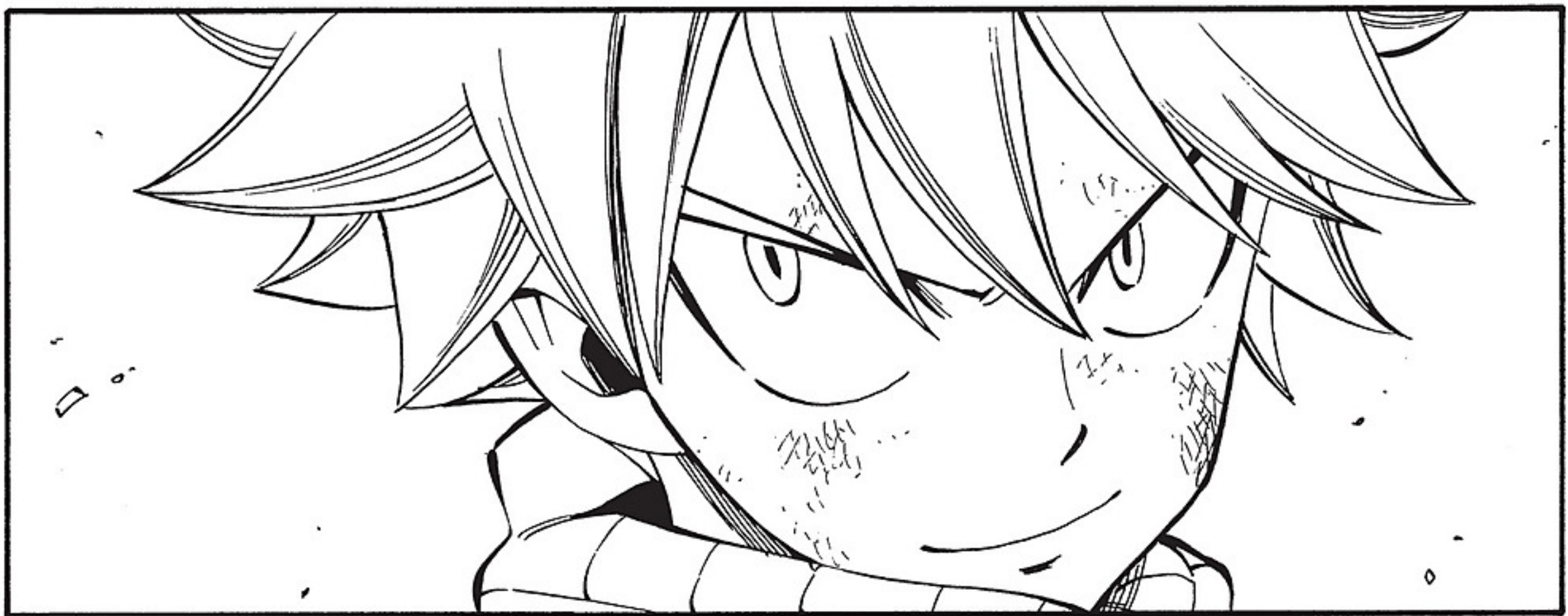
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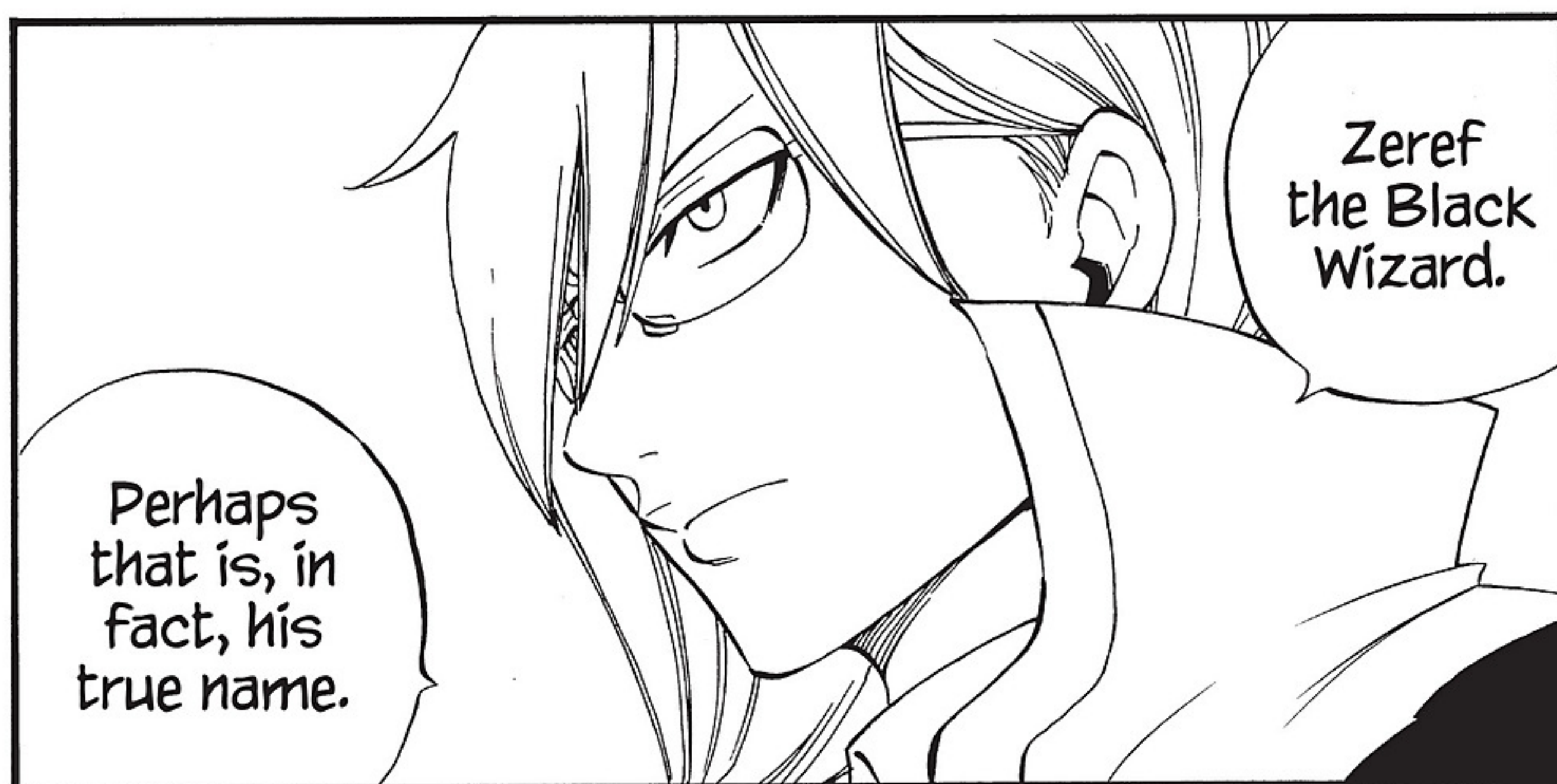
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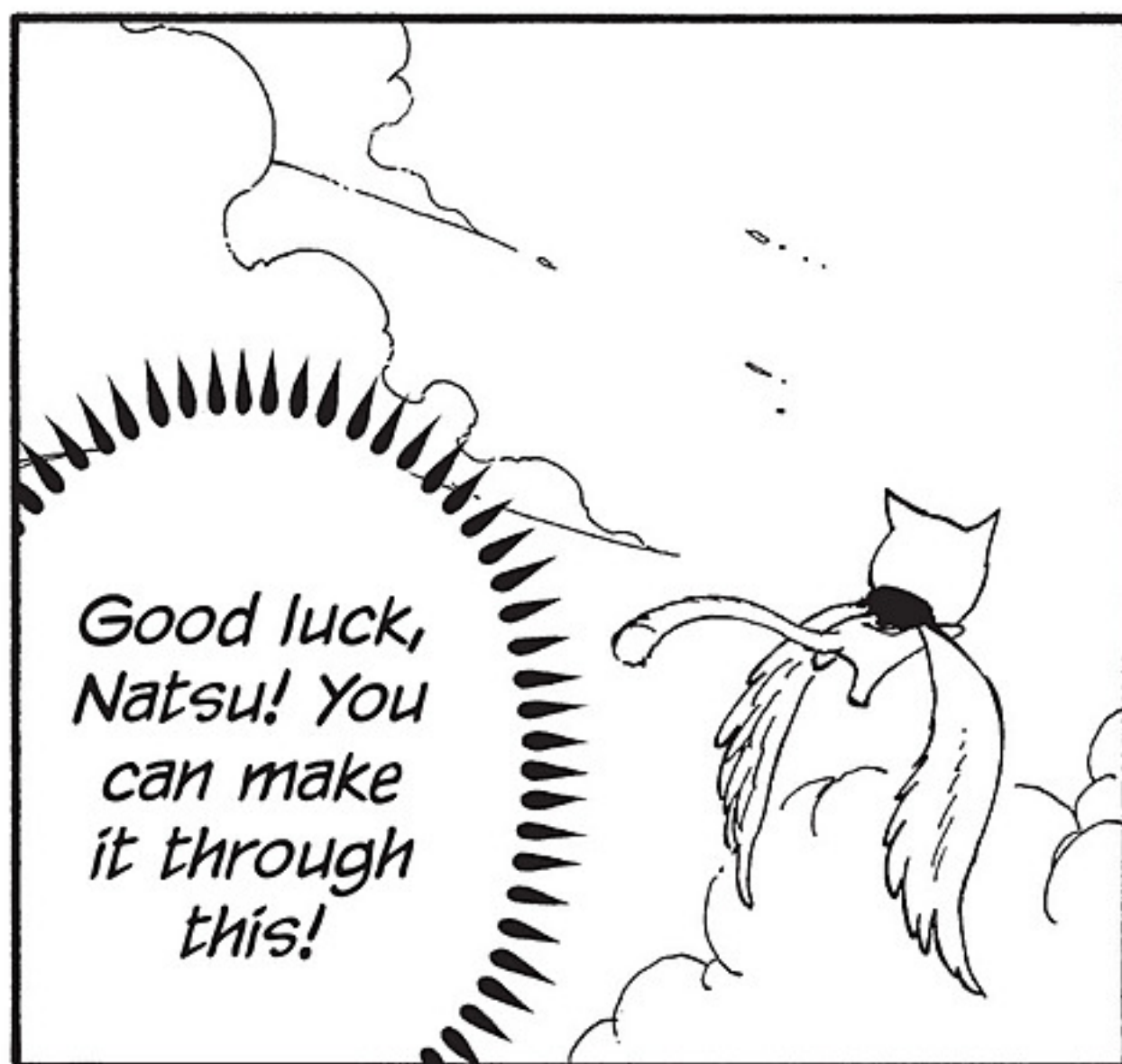
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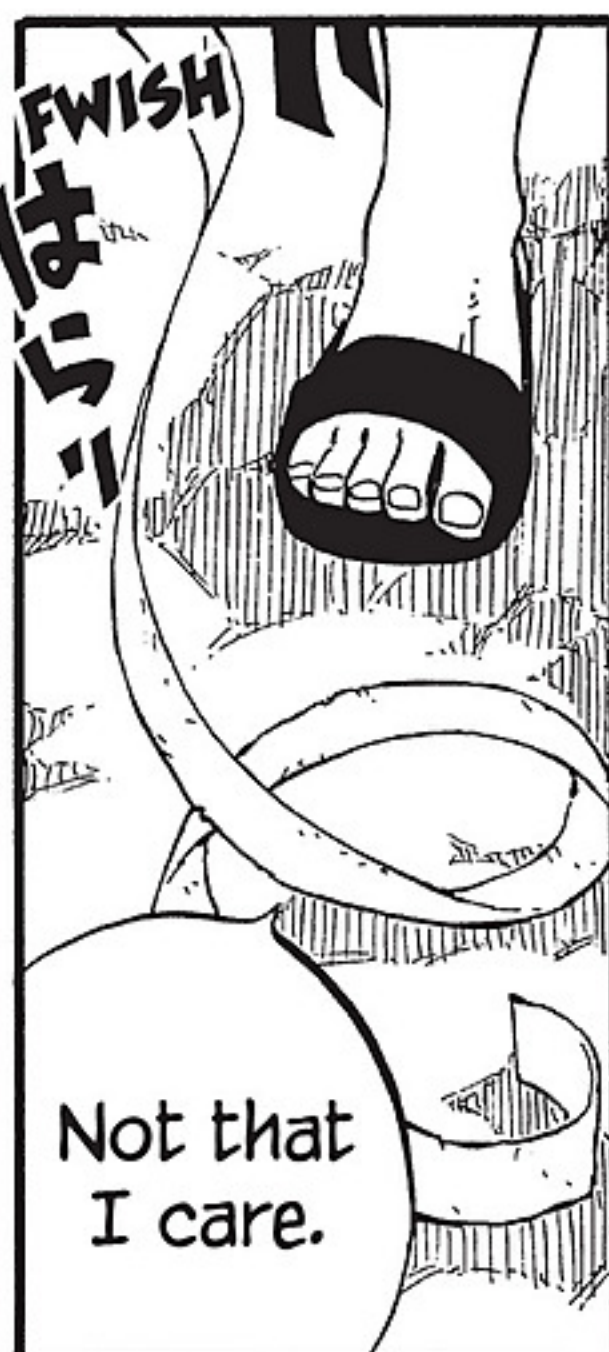
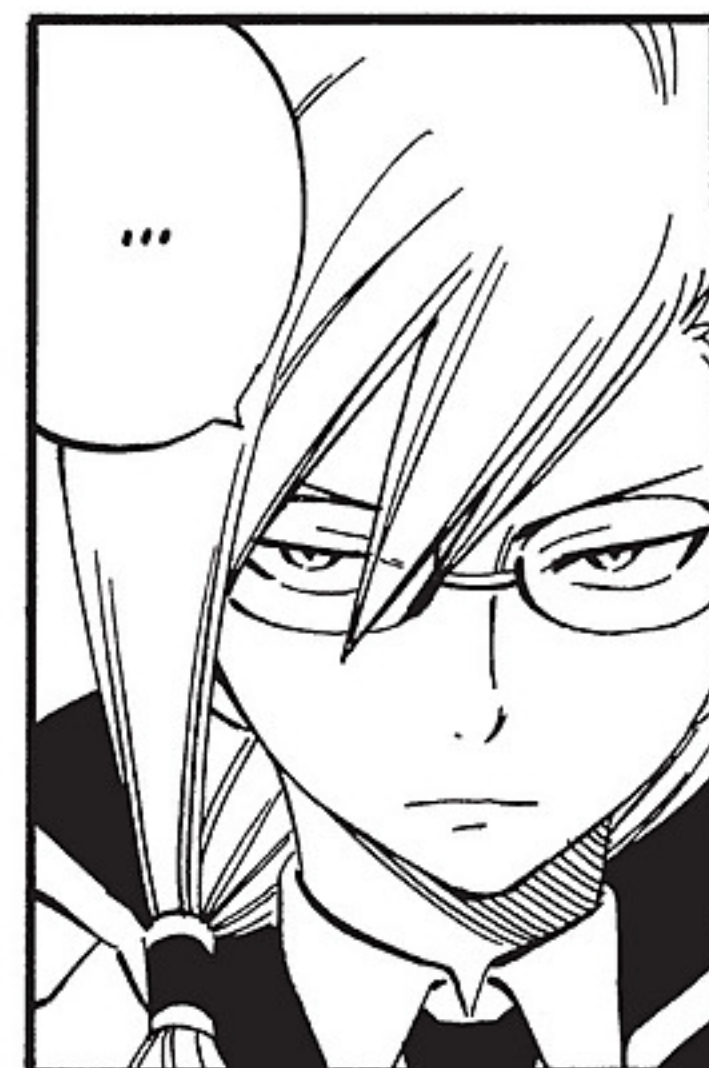
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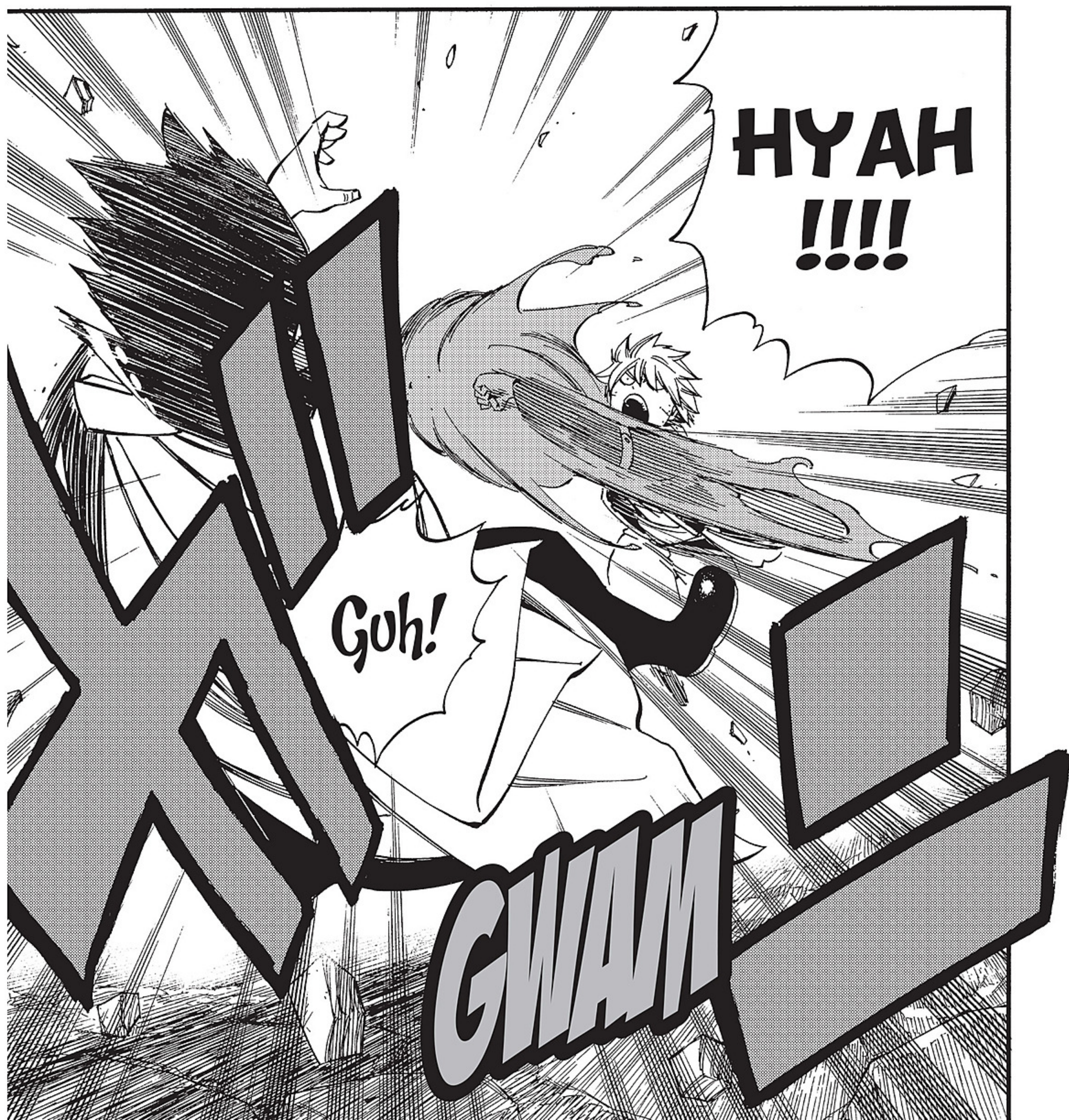
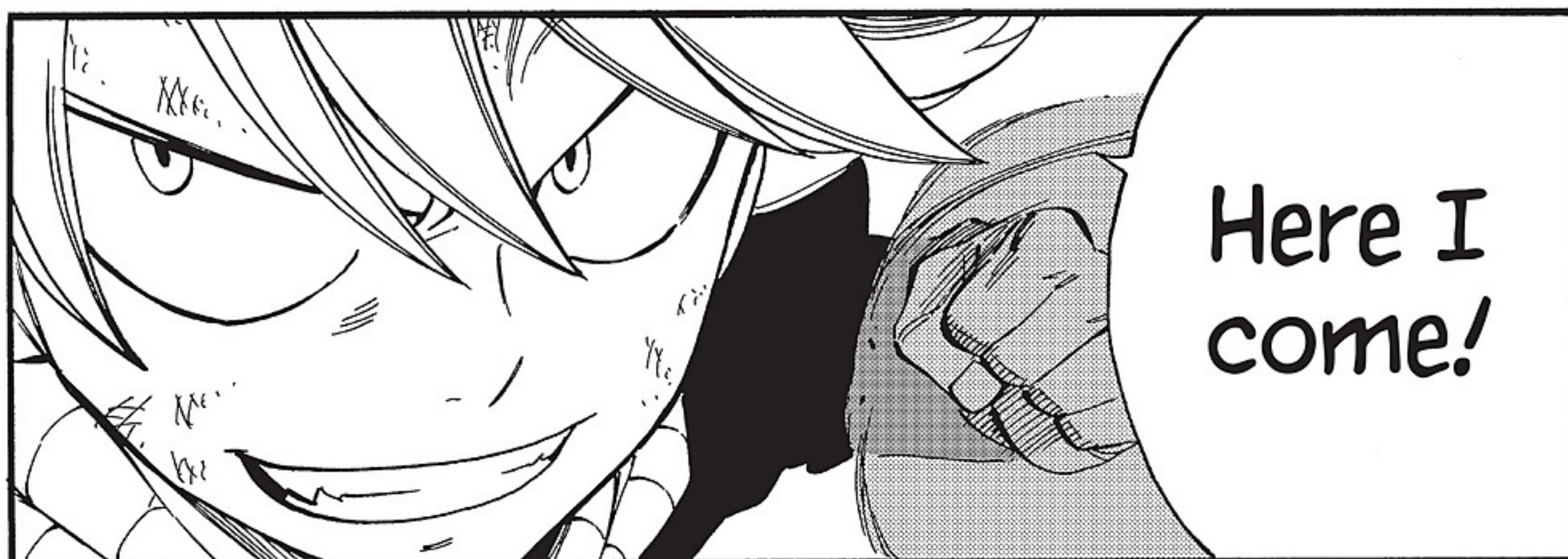


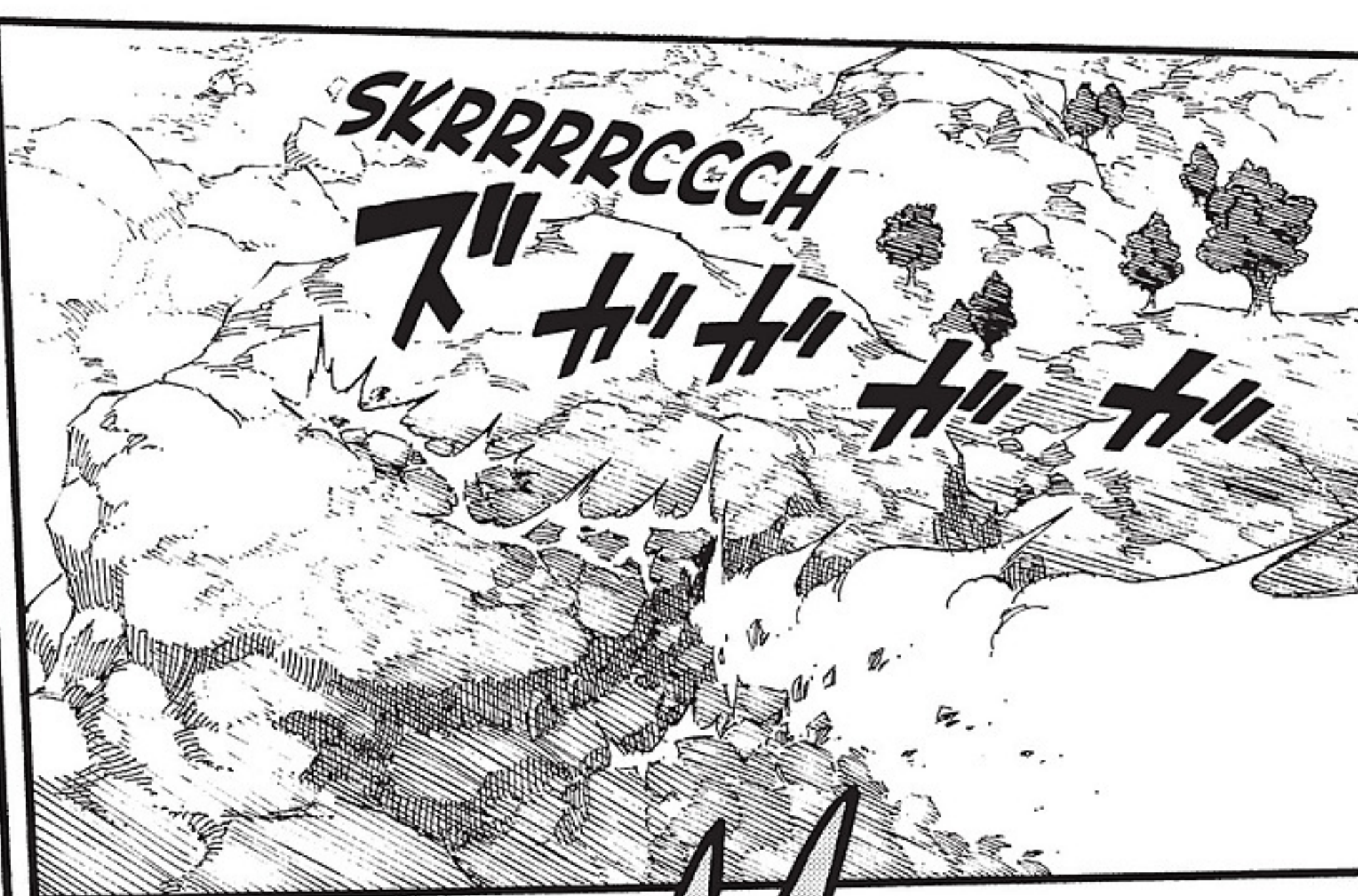
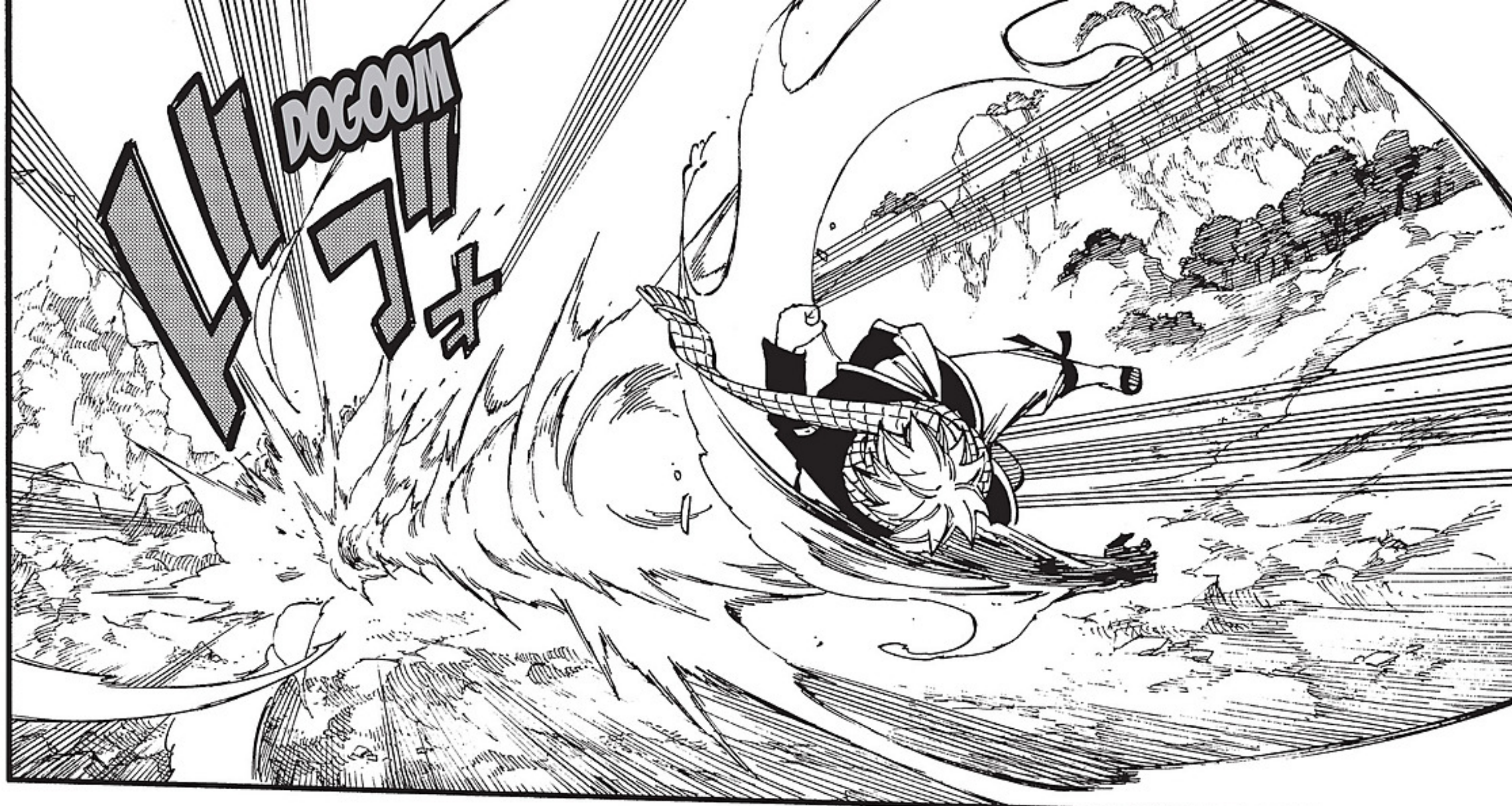




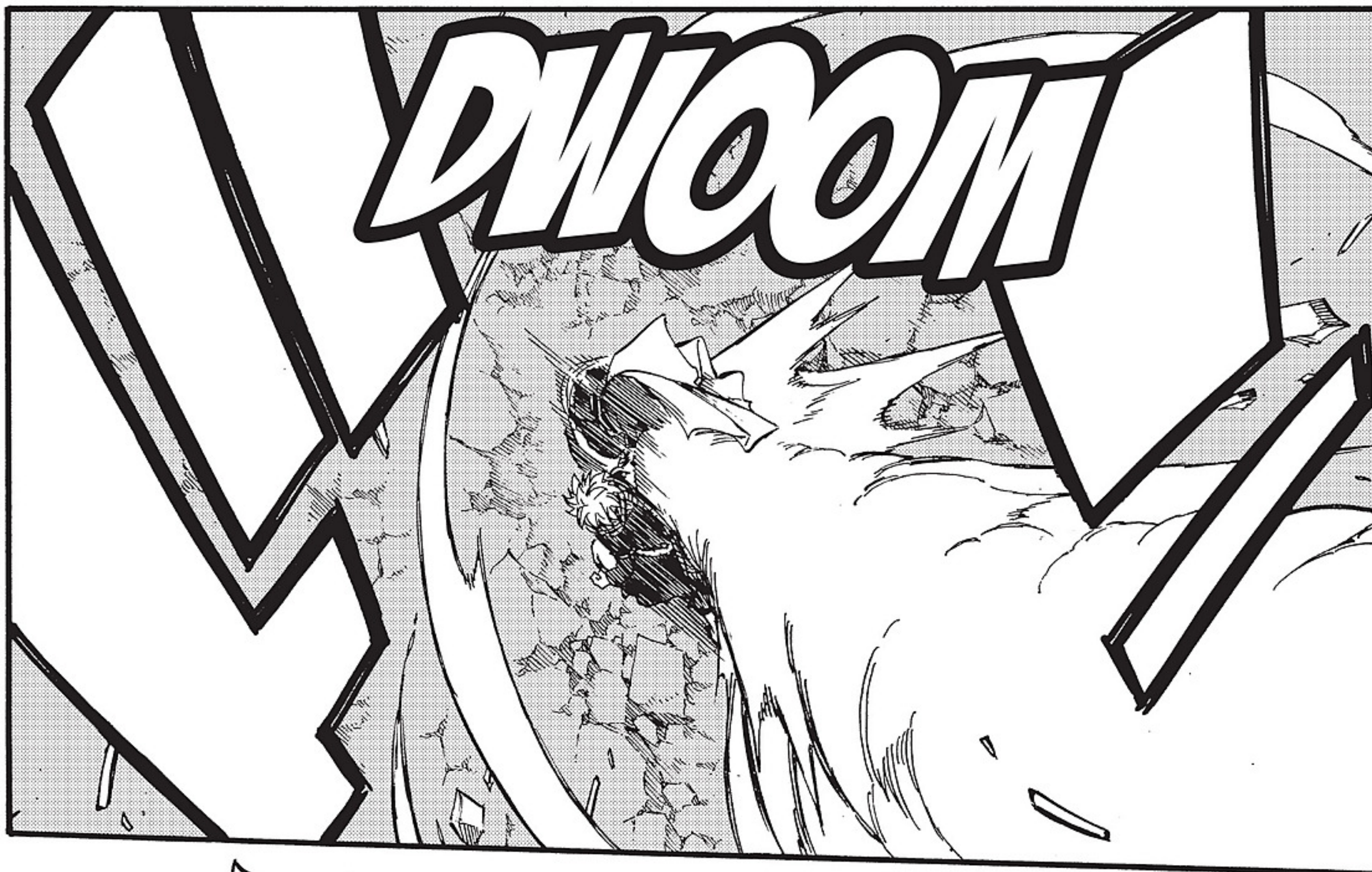


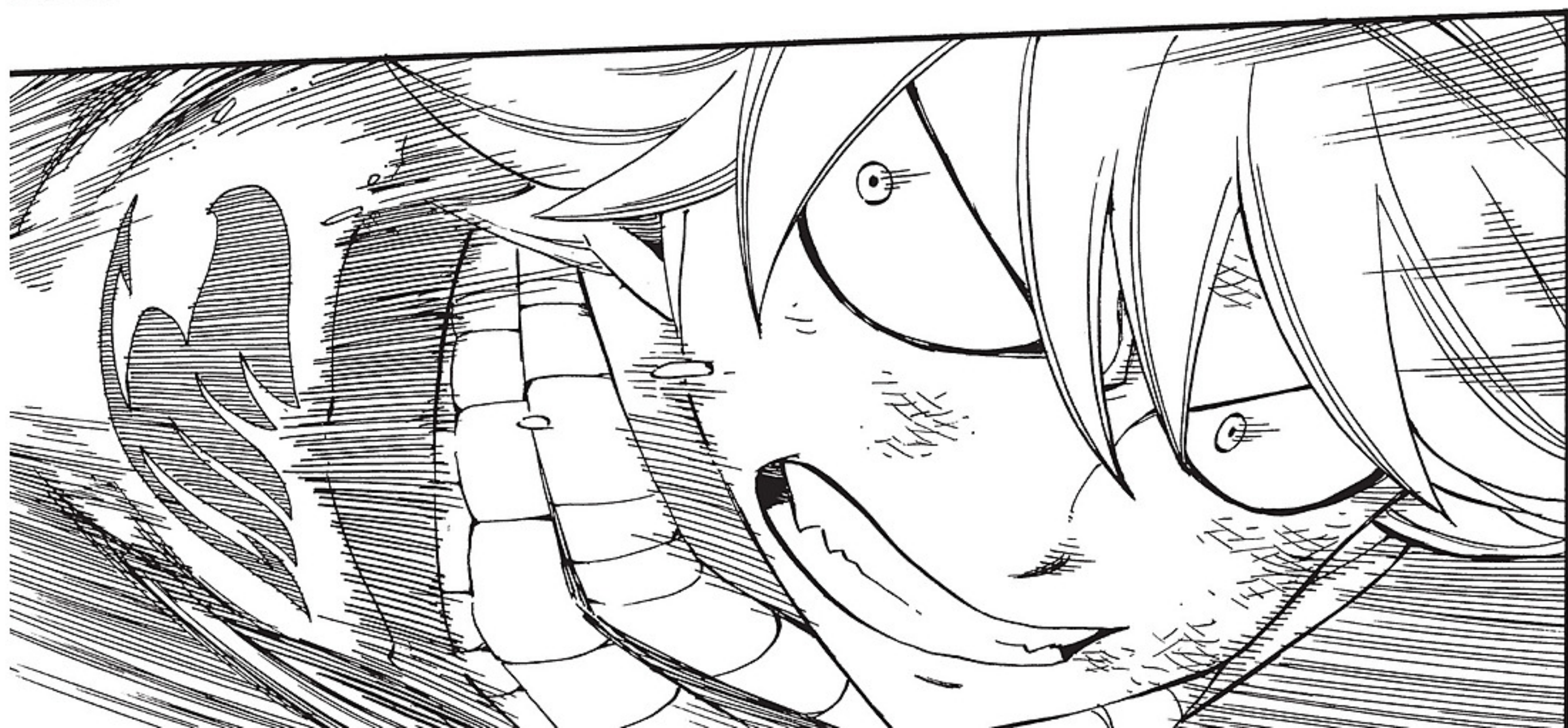


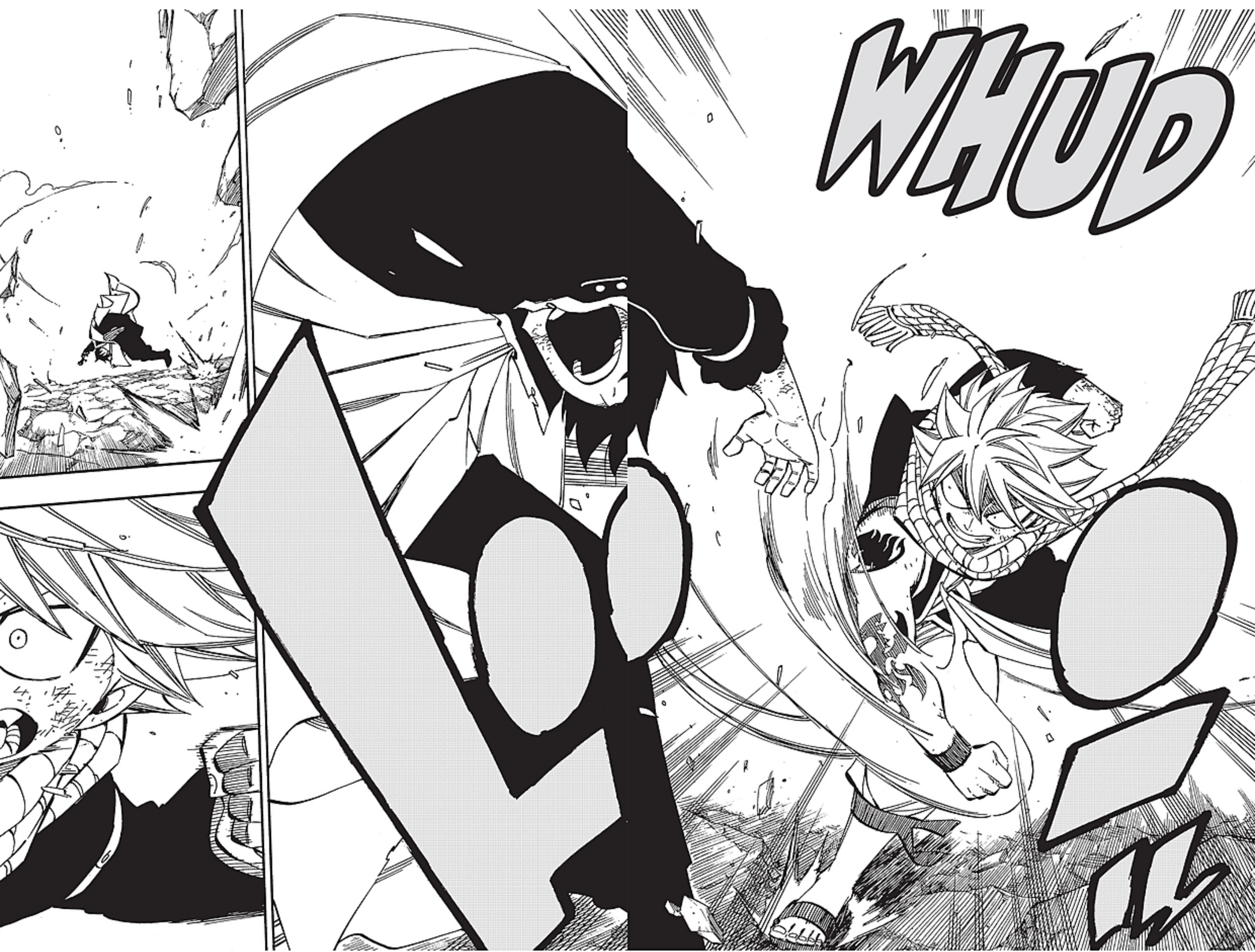


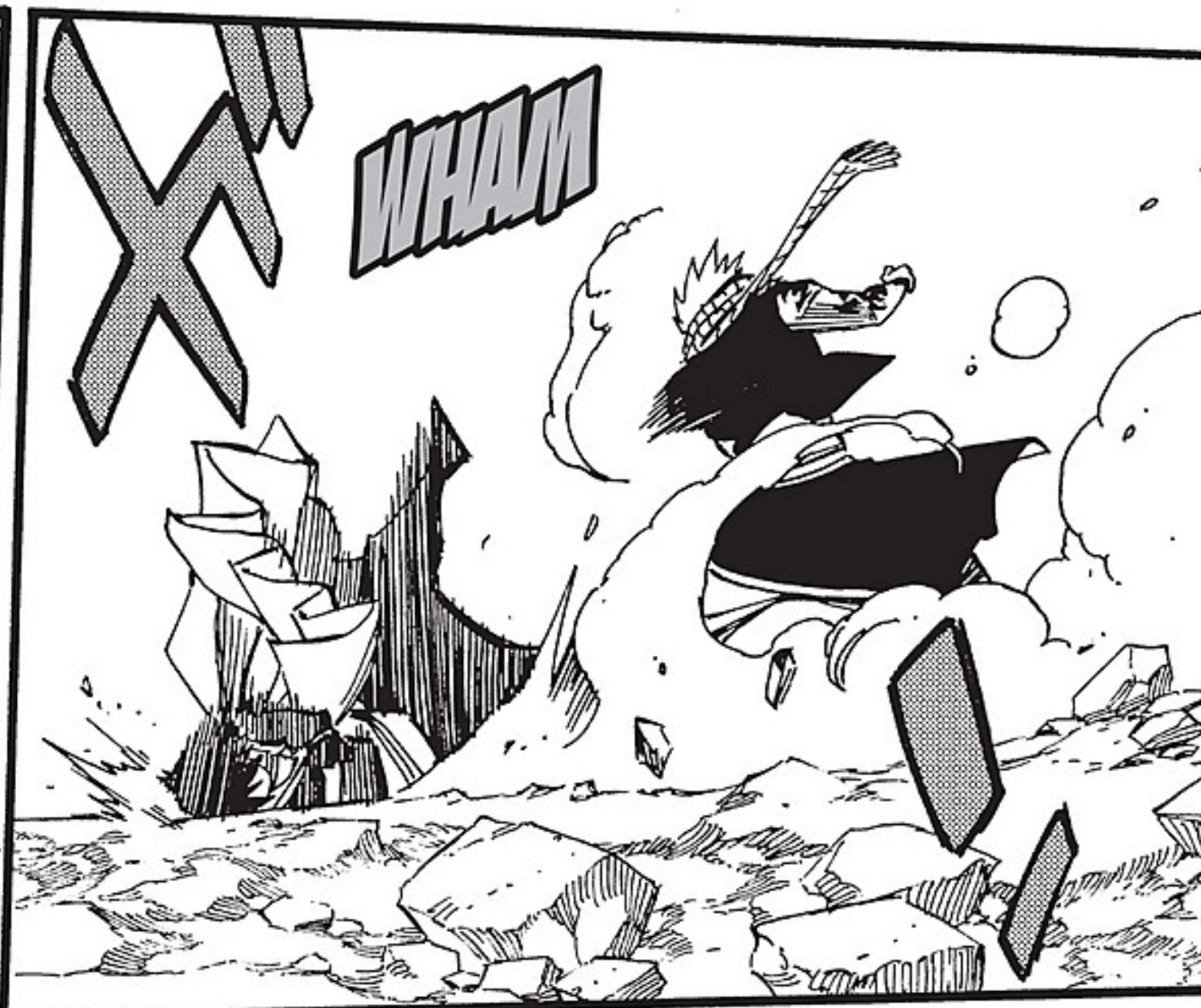
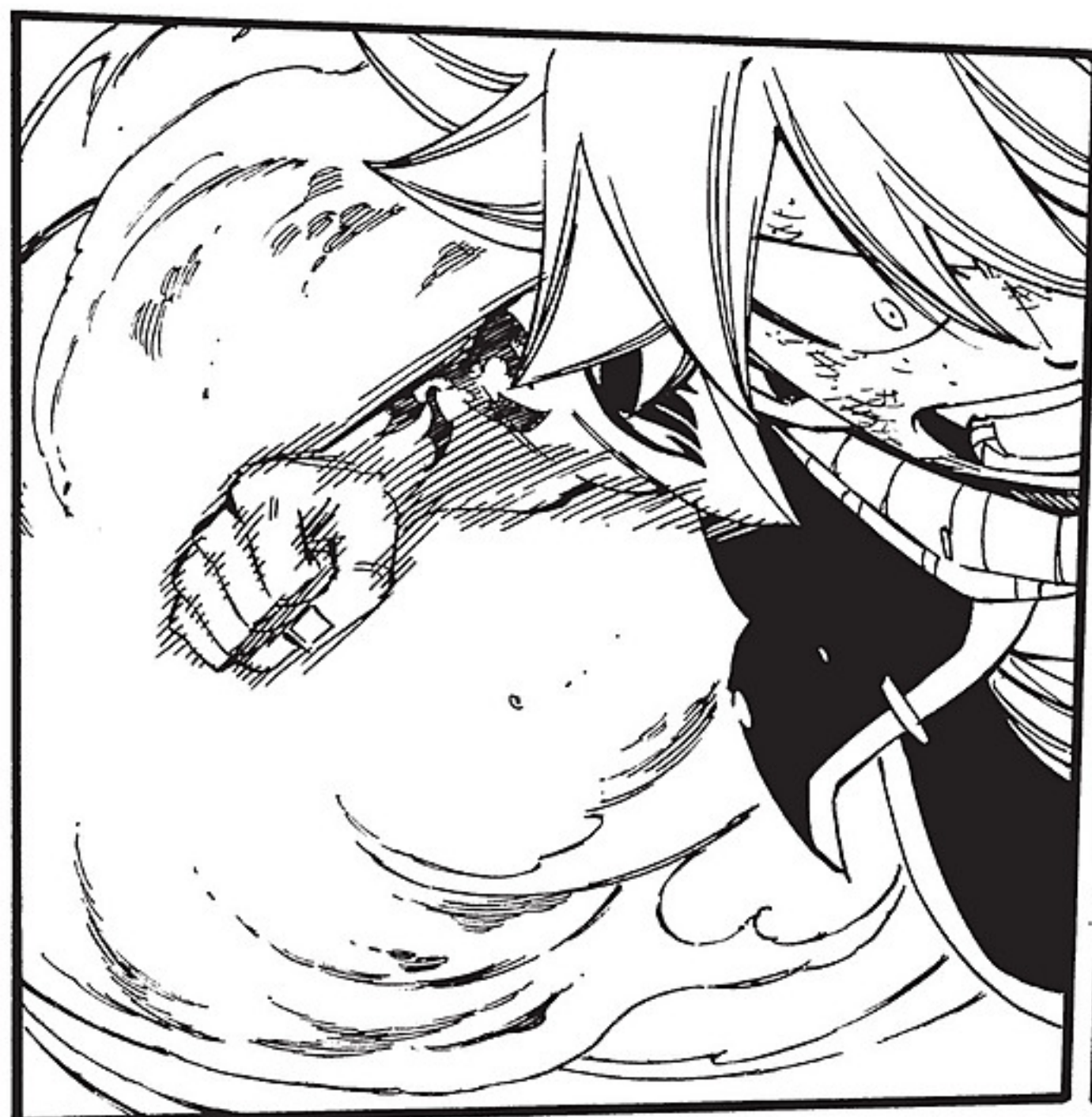


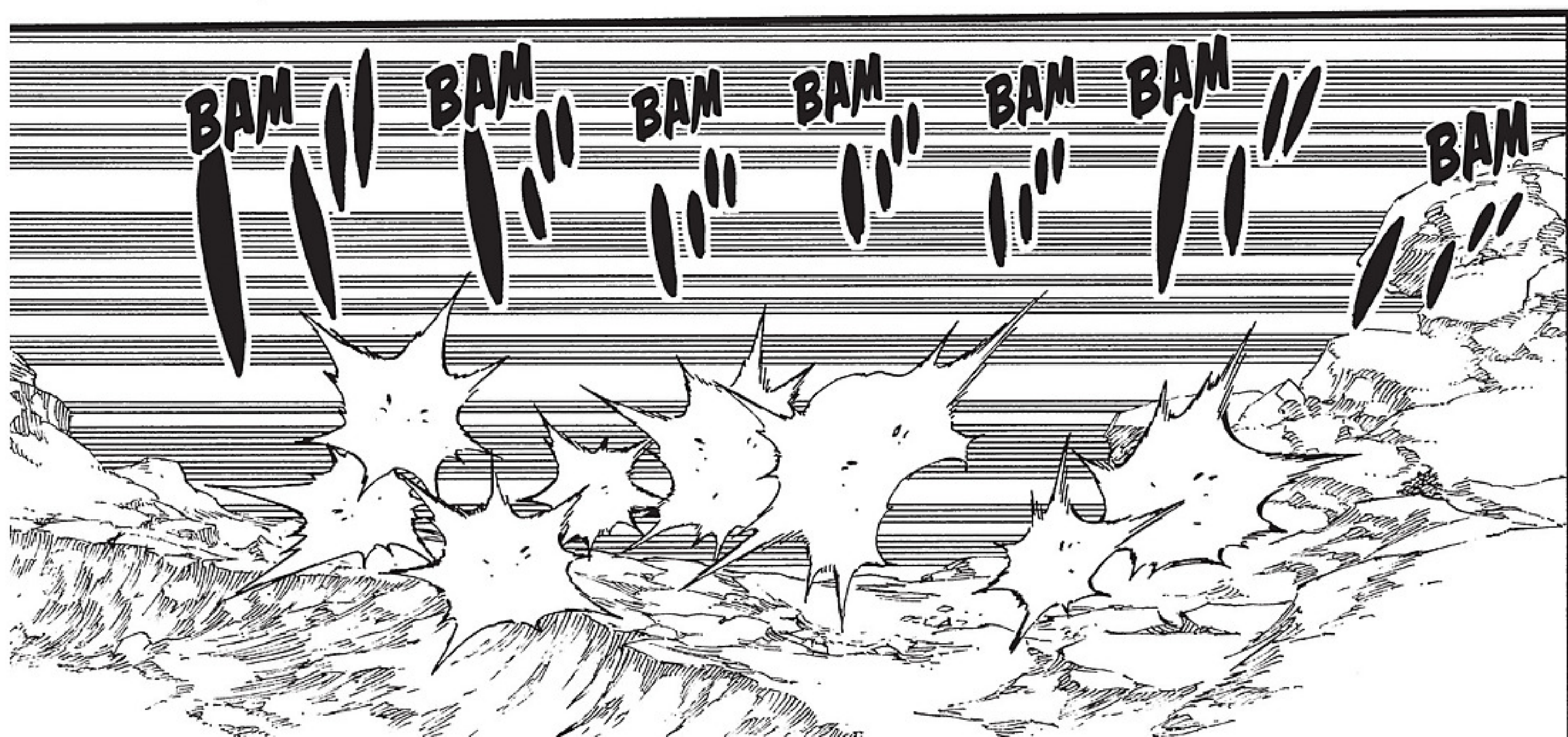
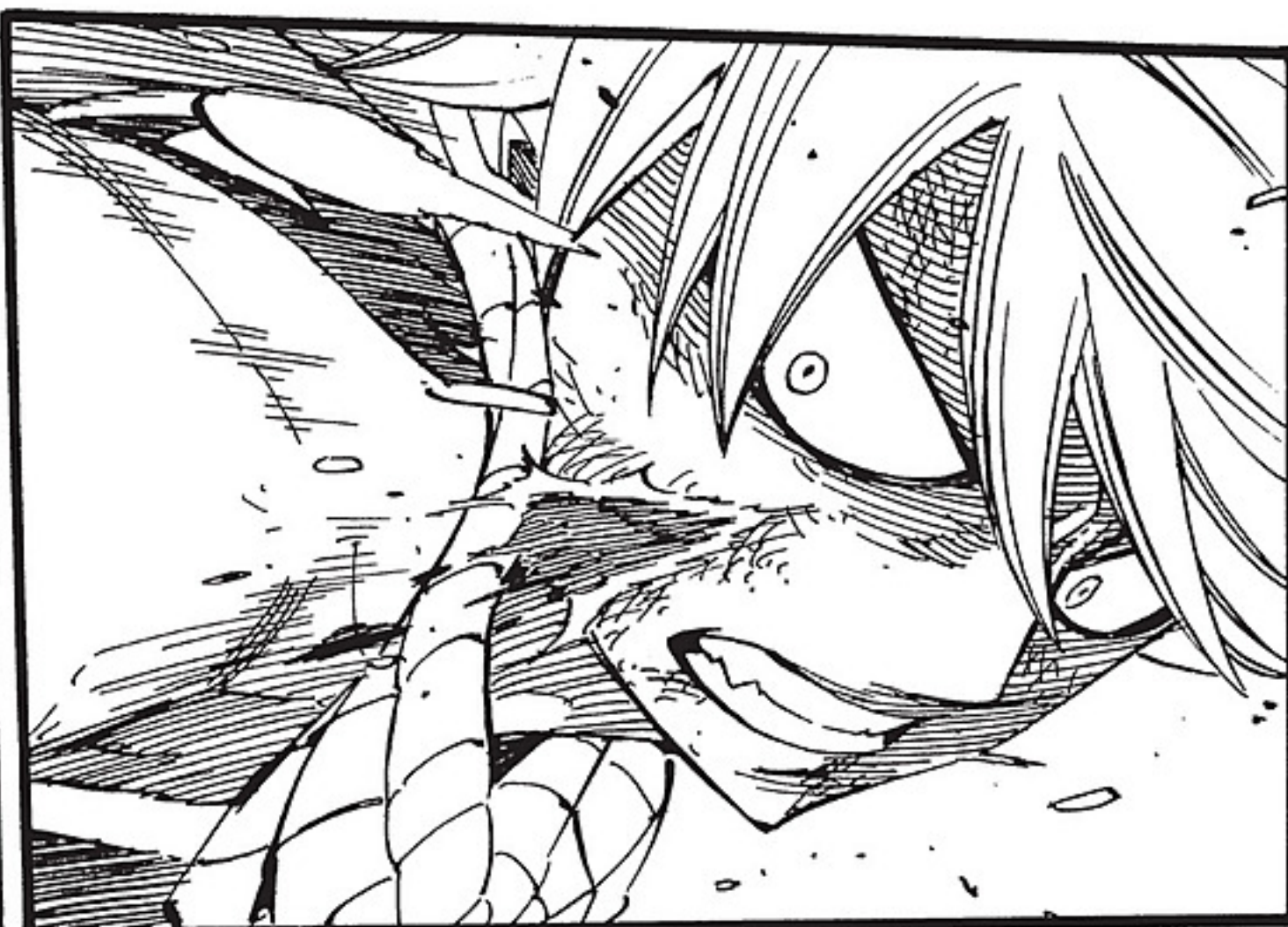
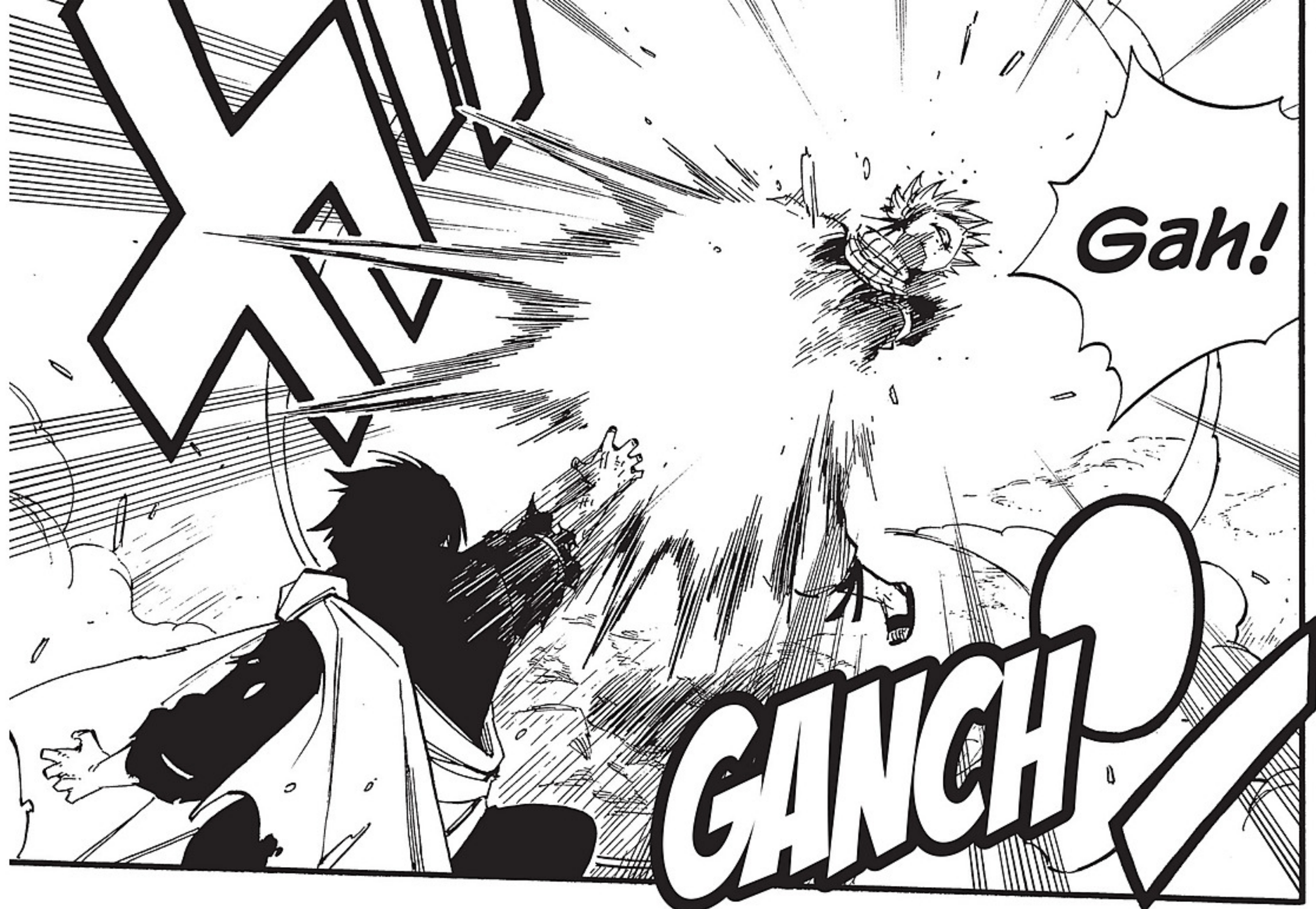


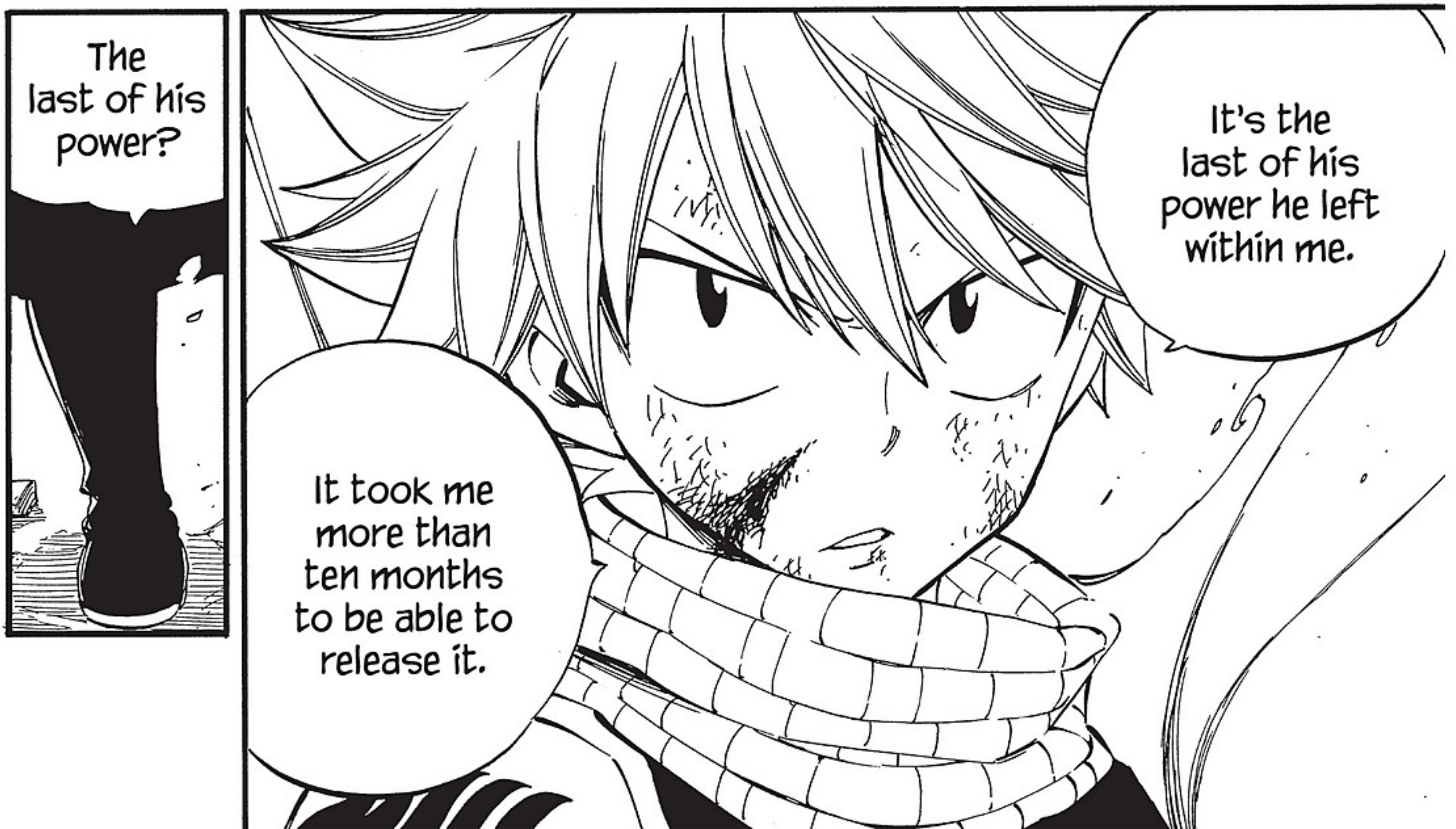
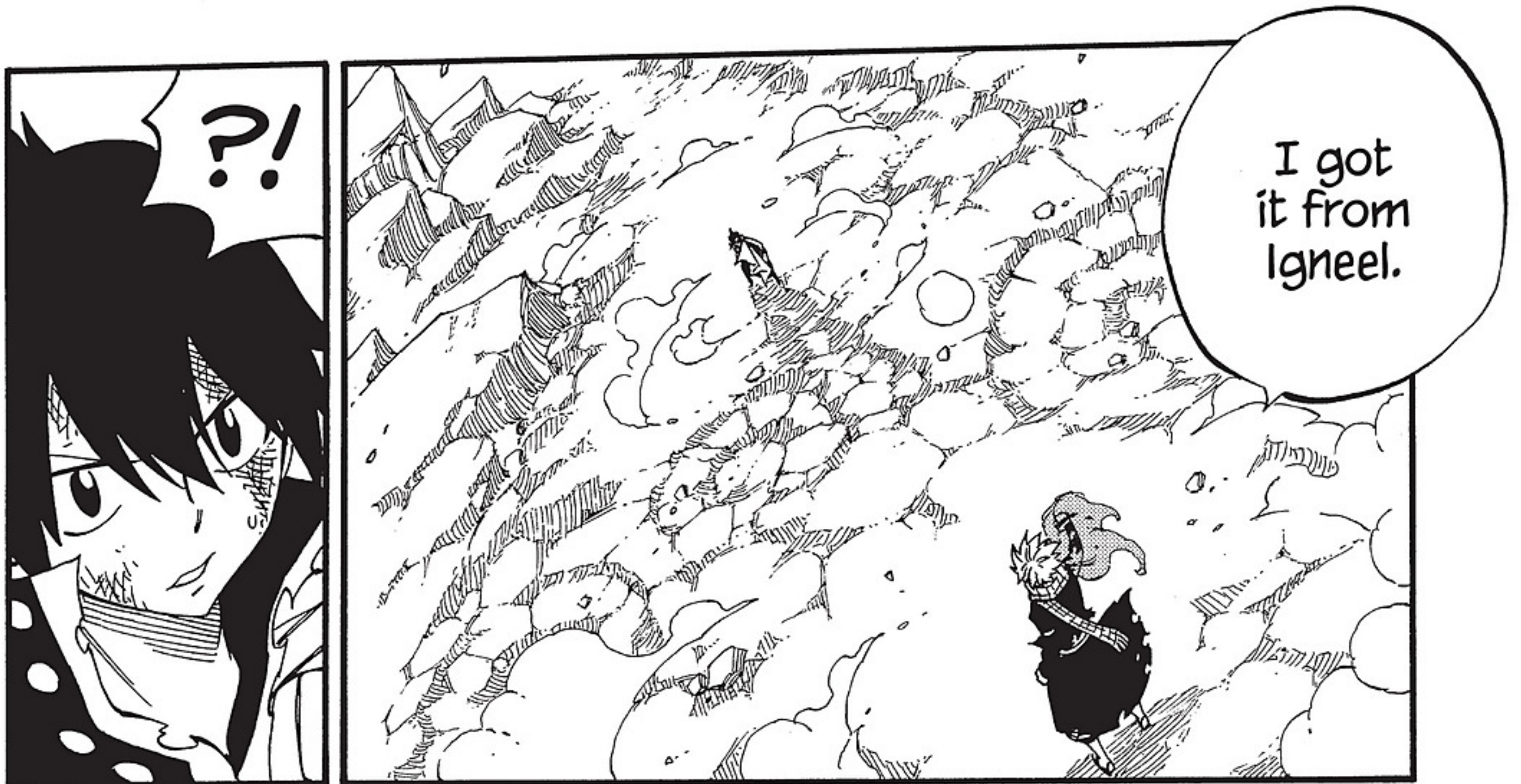












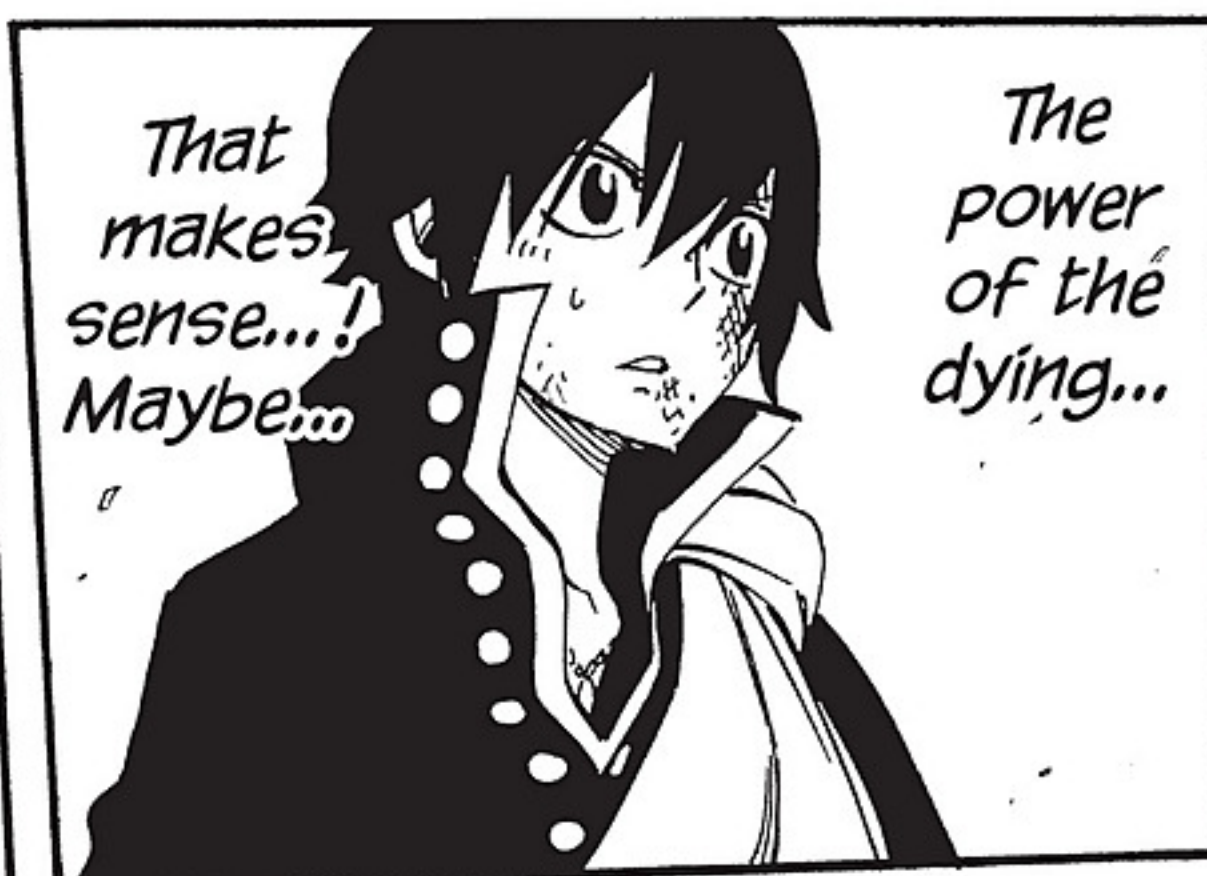


It was
Igneel's
resolve.

Yeah...
Once this
power is used
up, it's gone
for good.



...it's
enough to
destroy an
immortal!



That
makes
sense...!
Maybe...

The
power of the
dying...



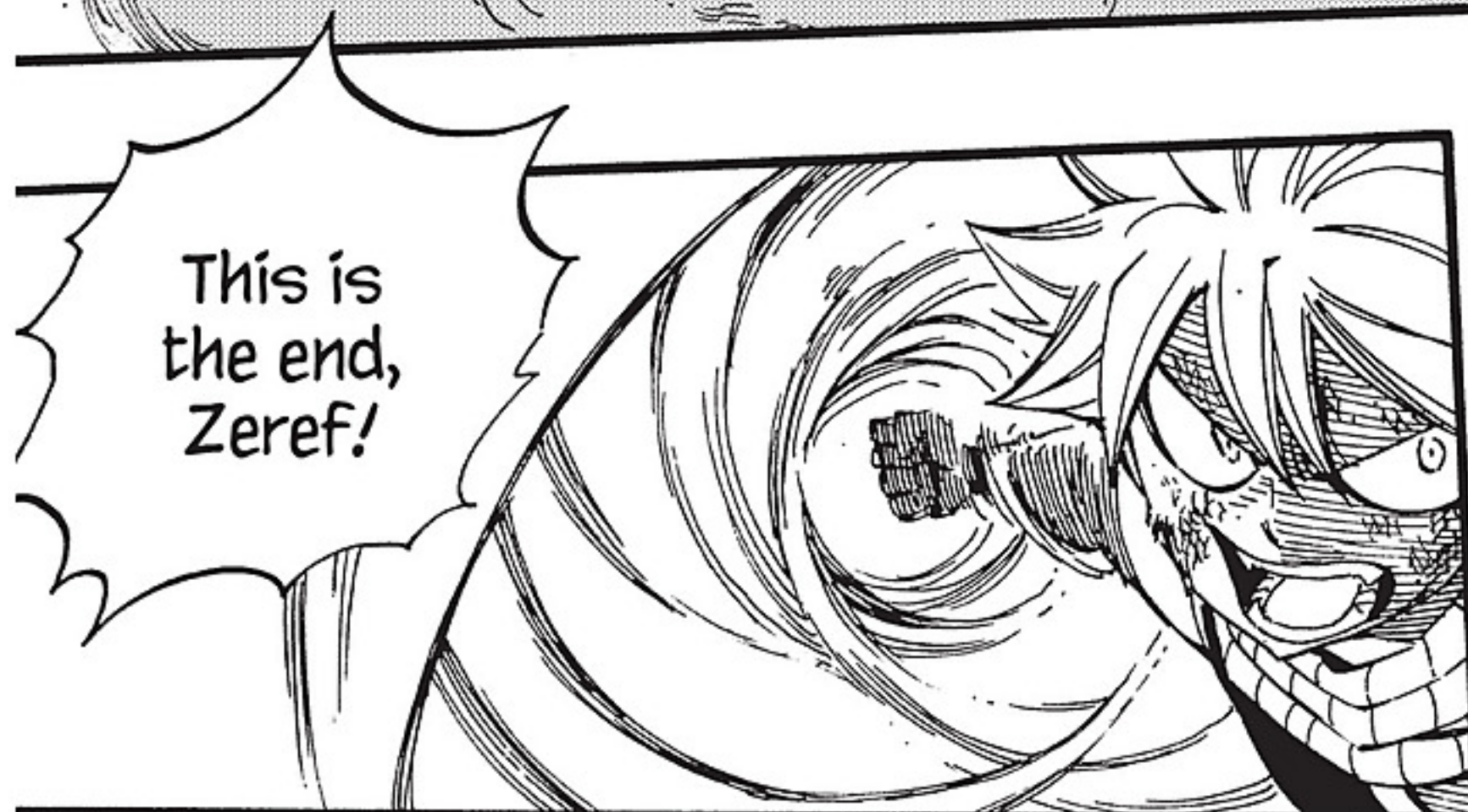
**FIRE
DRAGON
KING
MODE
!!!**



GWOOOGH



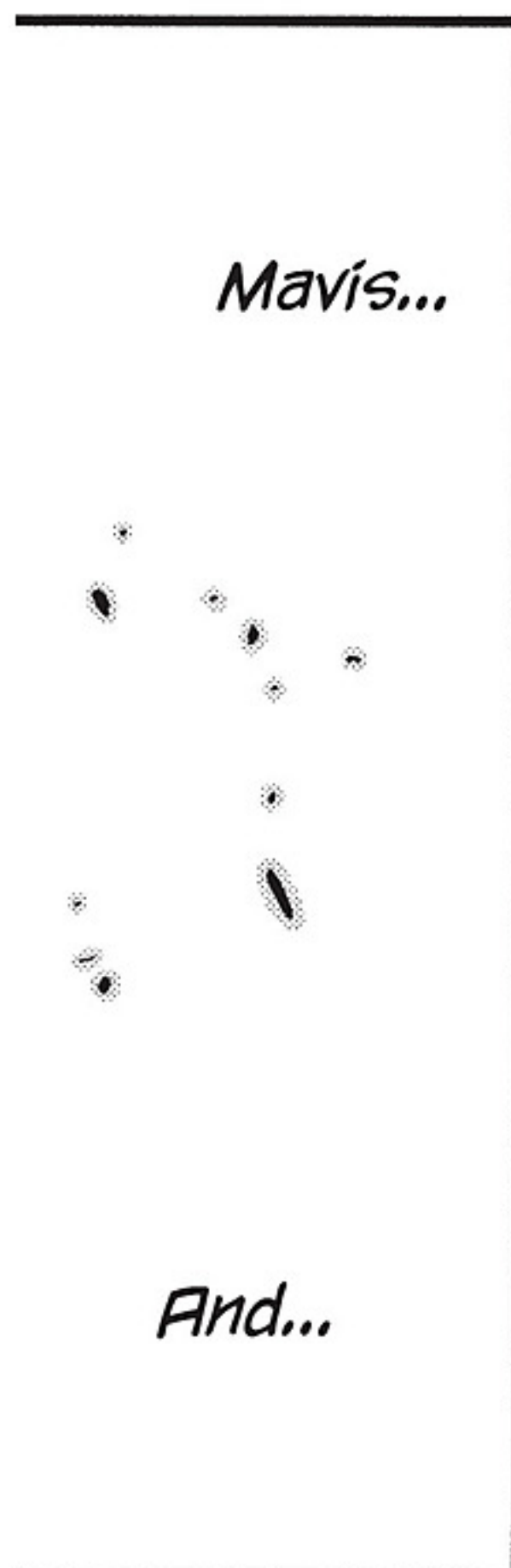
The
very earth
is burning...



This is
the end,
Zeref!

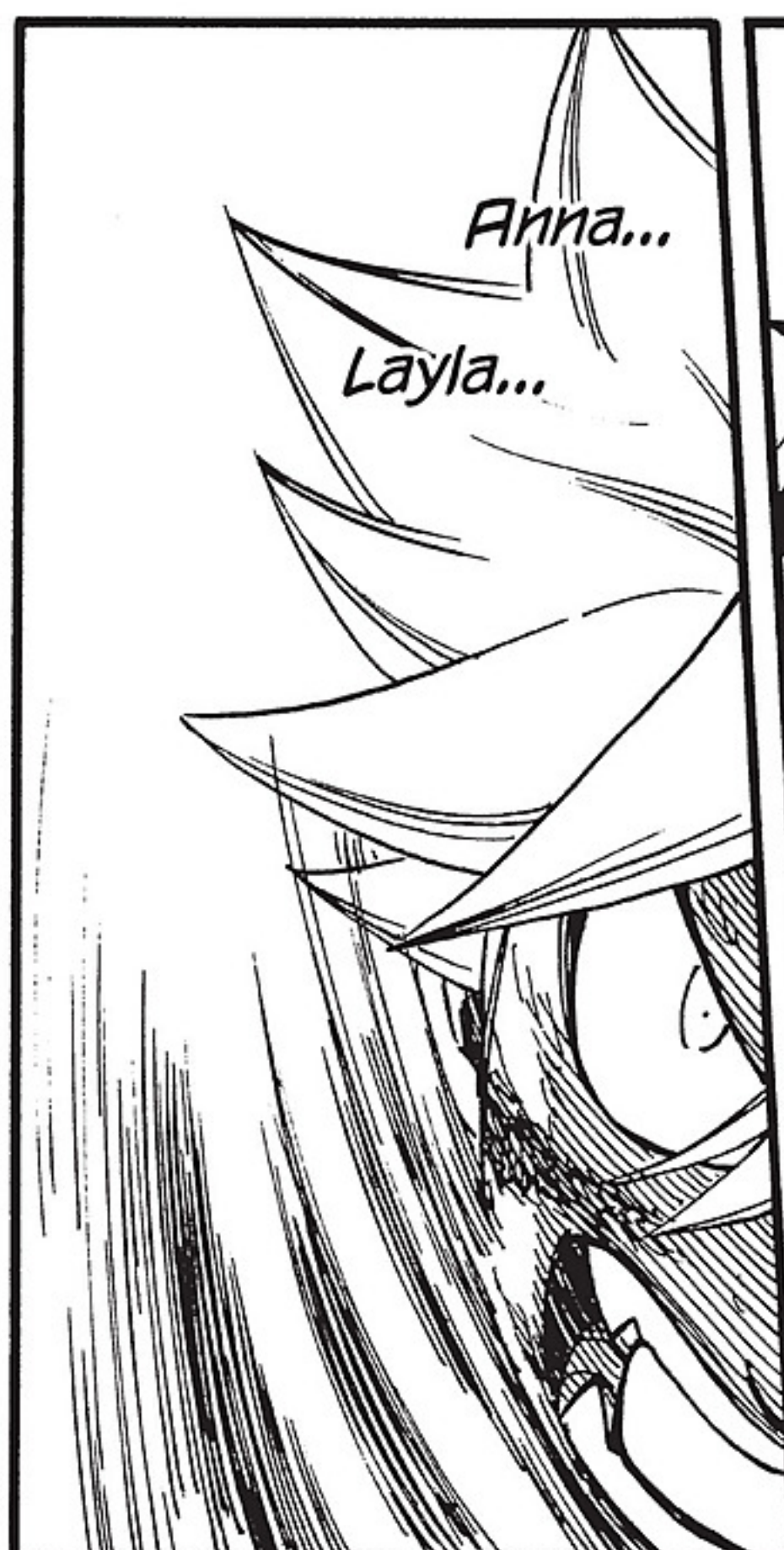


Amazing...



Mavis...

And...



Anna...

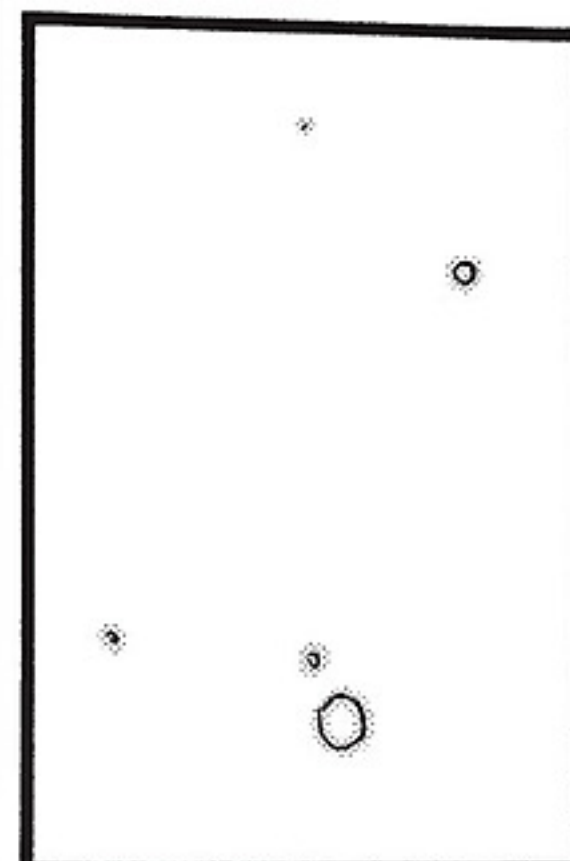
Layla...



Thank
you,
Igneel.



After all this
time, who knew
my wish would
be granted
now...



A black and white manga-style illustration. In the center, a character is shown falling or flying downwards, surrounded by a chaotic scene of rain and falling debris. The rain is depicted with numerous diagonal lines radiating from the top corners towards the center. Debris, represented by small oval shapes, is scattered throughout the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of tragedy and urgency.

***My most
beloved...
dear brother...***

Natsu...

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Sorry to keep you waiting. It looks like the next volume, Volume 55, will be able to be released in Japan in a special edition that features an original animation DVD (OAD). I'm glad to say that this makes the lucky seventh Fairy Tail OAD made so far! The story of the anime will be based on a Fairy Tail short story that appeared in **Magazine Special** called "The Fairies' Penalty Game." It came out quite a while ago. It takes place sometime around the Grand Magic Games when Fairy Tail was divided up into the A team and the B team. The team that lost the tournament had to do some embarrassing things. But in the end, both teams had to combine into one, so things ended a bit vaguely. But in this one, the true winner is revealed! It's a mixture of funny and suggestive scenes, but in the end, it turns into an nice little story, so I hope you're looking forward to it!

And, of course, there will be original scenes in the anime!

Now, my current situation... Well, I've had to do all kinds of approvals on the OAD I just mentioned (including checking the original story over again), writing the script for the movie, and doing character designs, checking the novels and drawing the illustrations within them, checks on the spin-off manga, and checking on some projects that I can't talk about yet, so I've been so busy it made me dizzy. As the number of works based off my stuff increases, so does my workload. But as rough as it is, it's really fantastic, too! Hey, I know I'm not as young as I used to be, but recently a lot of people have been urging me to look after myself. I'm still pretty darned healthy! Actually, I'm grateful my body is doing as well as it is!

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART



Ishikawa Prefecture, Yui Nakabayashi

As you'd figure, there are a lot of people who love these three people(?)! I love them too!

▼ Zeref and Mavis... How will their confrontation go in the end?!



Aichi Prefecture, Barika



Kanagawa Prefecture, Akane Yamada
▲ Taurus Form!! I actually, really like this design!

Tokushima Prefecture, Toshihiro Miki



▲ It's Acnologia!! He's going to play a big part in the main story pretty soon.

▼ Hey! Art from Fairy Tail ZERO! If you want to know who Zera is, check out Fairy Tail ZERO!



Tochigi Prefecture, Nori



Tokyo, Sae Endo

Now this is well done! Everybody's expressions are really nice!

REJECTION CORNER



I know you asked to not be rejected, but... Sorry.
Guma Prefecture, Mamoozu Messant

This is a rare pairing. Extremely rare!



Saitama Prefecture, Misora Sakuma

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► I'm giving it my best!! Thanks for the message!!



Oizayama Prefecture, Kiminori Namba



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Tony
▲ Wendy's grown? Yeah, that's true. She's gotten stronger, huh?

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



Fairy Tail is becoming a stage play!

When I first heard the idea, I thought, "Huh? How are you gonna do magic and stuff?" But the answer they came up with was pretty incredible! As the opening night draws closer, my anticipation grows!

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 60,

Nakagami Asterism

This is the same as the Nakagami attack found in Volume 38. As previously mentioned, Nakagami, also known as Tenichijin or Tenitsujin, is the chief of the 12 Generals of Heaven found in the esoteric astrology of the famous Japanese spiritualist Abe no Seimei. An asterism is a star picture (like the big dipper) that isn't an official constellation.



Page 81, Fairy dust

Evergreen's fairy dust seems to be derived from the scales on the wings of lepidoptera, an order of butterflies and moths. These scales on the wings can provide camouflage, or warning colors indicating that they are toxic (mimicking actual toxic animals). Since the wings can easily be shed, they provide a defense if they are trying to escape from a predator's nest or web.



Page 104, Dark Écriture

As mentioned previously when Fried first used the attack in Volume 14, écriture is French for "writing," so Fried wrote the spell to enact it.



FAIRY TAIL

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HIRO 真島ヒロ KASHIMA



I often lose
precious things
as well.

Oh really?



Forward!

We will now begin our mission to liberate Halgeon!

Meanwhile, in every part of Fiore, guilds are trying to mount a defense against a vicious attack!

Against a woman warrior who takes the name of a god!

If I let you live, you'll just cause me trouble. Mind if I kill you?

The Spriggan 12 won't let up!

He's the god of death !!!!

And a man loved by the dragon gods!

God Bye-bye.

The wizards of Ishgal are horrified when they face such overwhelming, unimaginable power!

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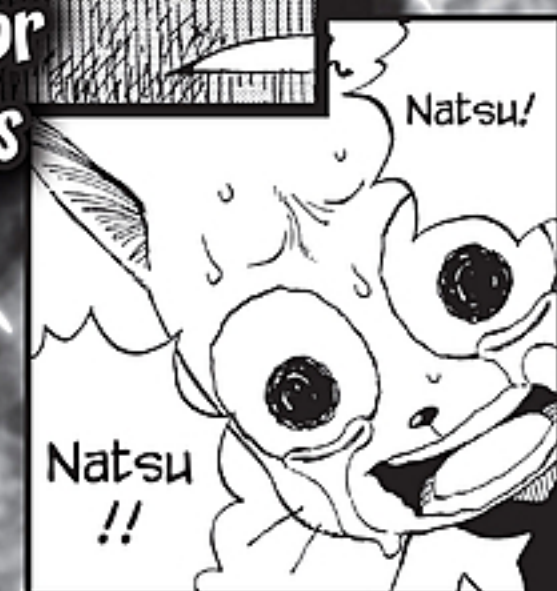
Farewell

Natsu...



This can't be happening... Natsu...

The astonishing truth behind a secret held for 400 years is revealed!



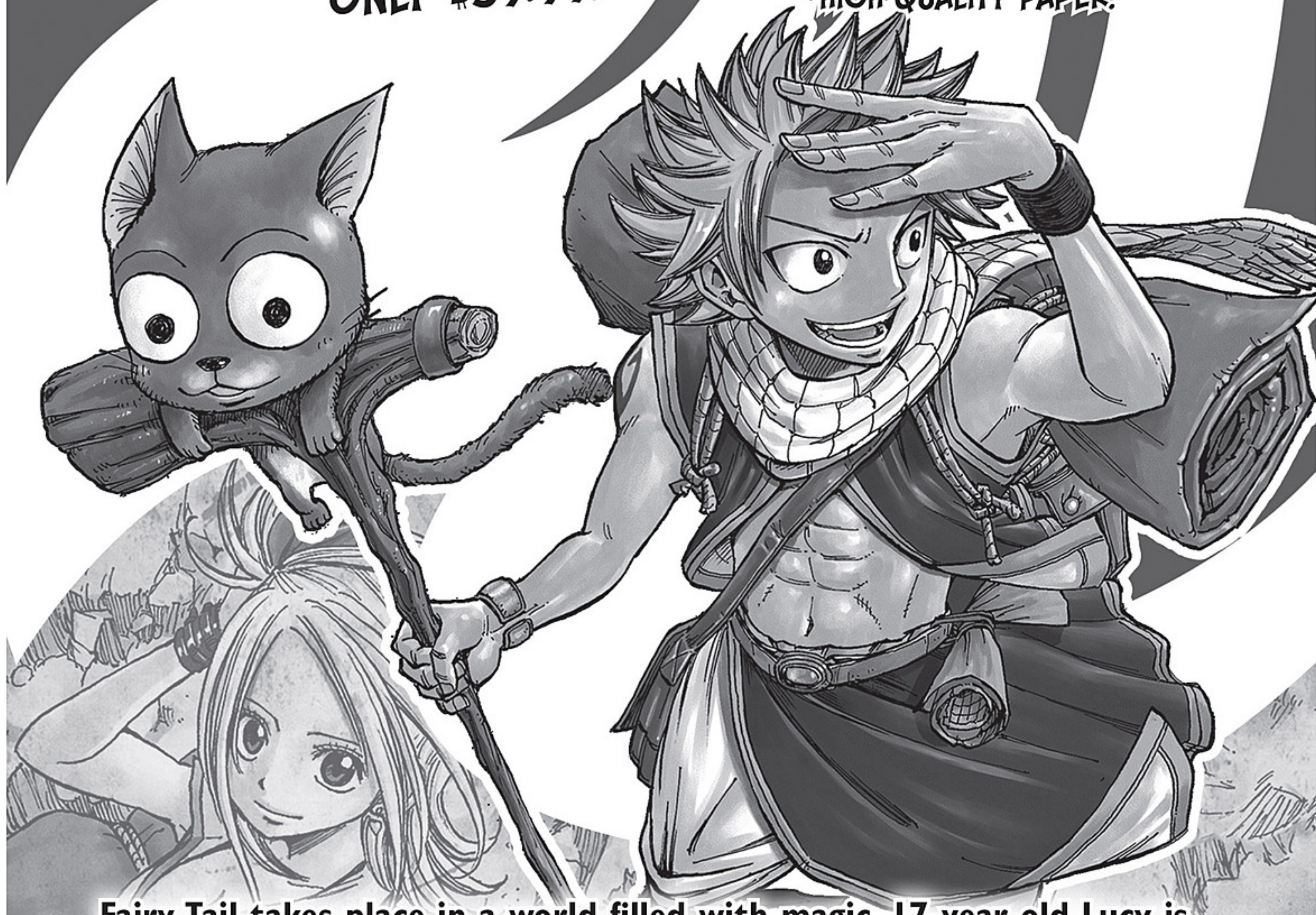
Natsu!

Natsu !!

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